

loves her. As a result, the two stay together while Christine's mother, Nora, goes back to her ex-husband.

Production Notes

The film was shot from July 26 to early December 1943 in the Austrian community of Strobl , on the bordering Wolfgangsee , in the Salzkammergut and in a converted Kursaal in Bad Ischl . Robert Herlth was responsible for the film construction together with his brother Kurt Herlth and Helmut Haak. Günther Dittmer was the still photographer and Walter Rühland took care of the sound. ^[1] ^[2]

The film shows no trace of the turmoil of the prevailing war. However, the production notes indicate that director Hans Steinhoff originally planned to shoot the film in the Italian Mediterranean. However, the impending landing of US troops thwarted his plan, and filming took place at the aforementioned locations. ^[2]

Film censorship

The Nazi regime checked the film for content that was potentially harmful to the regime and imposed an unrestricted ban on showing it in December 1944. ^[3] As a reason, Boguslaw Drewniak speculated: "...the film made in 1943/44 was not approved by the censors. Without giving reasons. One would only have to look for them in the film's subject: Such love problems were not due to the 'needs of the time' Voted". ^[4]

Release date

Due to the ban on showings issued by the Nazi regime, the film was no longer shown before the end of the Second World War . After that, initially forgotten, the film nevertheless came to German cinemas as a defector . About 70 years after the filming, the film premiered on March 2, 2014 in Berlin's Zeughauskino . ^[2]

See also

List of films banned under National Socialism

Web Links

- *Melusine* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0037065/>) at the Internet Movie Database
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- Complete version at the Deutsche Filmothek (<https://archive.org/details/1945Melusine>)

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