

Worse than desire is when you no longer feel any.

Eight people who could scarcely be more different meet in a bar. For one night, they escape from their everyday lives, which are paralyzed in ritual, and embark on a journey to their imagined worlds, to their innermost desires. Suppressed desires, sexual fantasies and fears surface, and long-forgotten experiences come back to light. The evening takes its course.

A visually stunning round of reality and illusion, a merry-go-round of emotions with exciting twists and turns. A film about people and their secrets, mendacity and ordinariness.



„Somnambulistic soul striptease!“ (Deadline Film magazine)

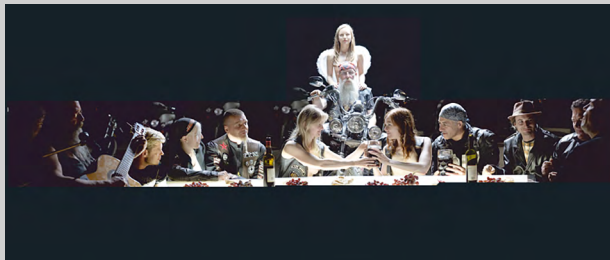
„Highly erotic ensemble-drama.“ (kino.de)

“In this intimate play, which isn’t limited by film school teachings and has numerous visual effects obtained by complex post production, slumbers the anarchistic independent spirit of Helge Schneider, Christoph Schlingensief, Luis Buñuel and Lars von Trier set in a “Eyes Wide Shut” backdrop.” (Blickpunkt:Film)

„...one never forgets a Roland Reber film. They are special... A film that shows that there is much more between heaven and earth no filmschool wisdom could ever dream of.“ (kino-zeit.de)

Roland Reber

ILLUSION



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Director's Statement

"ILLUSION is a film about people – about their masks, their deceit, and the banality of everyday existence. It contrasts daily life with hidden fantasies. The film unfolds on three levels: first, everyday life with its rigid rituals, shot with a still, quiet camera; second, the bar, which I see as a metaphysical level, set precisely between reality and illusion, where dreams, desires, and fears are born; and third, the realm of illusion happening in people's minds. Colourful, shrill, packed with images. This film we wanted to do without any philosophical text – and yet make it a very philosophical film."



Cast and Credits

Cast: Carolina Hoffmann, Antje Nikola Mönning, Wolfgang Seidenberg, Marina Anna Eich, Andreas Pegler, Christoph Baumann, Ute Meisenheimer, Thomas Kollhoff, Claire Plaut

Director: Roland Reber

Screenplay: Roland Reber

Camera and editing: Mira Gittner

Music: Antje Nikola Mönning

Producer: Patricia Koch, Antje Nikola Mönning, Roland Reber

Production, Sales & Distribution: wtp international



Trailer
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Festivals

SITGES Fantastic Film Festival, Spain 2013
International Film Festival of India, Goa 2013
Chennai International Film Festival, India 2013
Pune International Film Festival, India 2014
International Split Film Festival of New Film, 2014
International Film Festival Innsbruck, Austria 2015
Hof International Filmfestival (section: Tribute to Roland Reber & wtp-kollektiv), Germany 2022



Roland Reber
Illusion

Director: Roland Reber
Germany 2013
Genre: Drama
Duration: 93 min
Language: German
Subtitles: English, Spanish
Producer: Patricia Koch,
Antje Nikola Mönning,
Roland Reber

World Premiere: 2013 Hof
International Filmfestival