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# HOTEL

a film by JESSICA HAUSNER

### **NEWLY RESTORED IN 4K**

WINNER - GRAND PRIZE - DIAGONALE
OFFICIAL SELECTION - UN CERTAIN REGARD - CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

"A haunting film about labor, obedience, the invisible presence of passiveaggressiveness as a form of violence, and the odd, intangible spirit of being aware that other people long gone once worked where you now work."

—Alexandra Heller-Nicholas, Fangoria

"Succeeds in bringing a distinctive sense of menace behind every shadow and closed doo, burrowing into the deepest realms of our subconscious and making us think twice about our next hotel booking."

-Tomas Trussow, The Lonely Film Critic

Austria, Germany | 2004 | German with English Subtitles Horror, Mystery, Drama | 76 minutes

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Newly restored in 4k and available for the first time in North America, Austrian auteur Jessica Hausner radically upends genre tropes and preempts the resurgence of folk horror with her second and most formally audacious feature, HOTEL. The deceptively simple premise of a young woman who takes on a job as a night porter at a remote Austrian hotel and encounters unexplained phenomena amounts to a grand treatise on the inhibiting potential of imagination, the fine line between banality and terror and the looming specter of fate.

Allusions to local myth, mysterious disappearances and haunted forests eschew generic conclusions and serve to illustrate and complicate the inner life of a young woman reckoning with the essential ambiguities of defining one's life. "An intelligent fable about fear and desire," (*Time Out*) Hausner's sophomore feature is a haunting metaphysical horror film unlike any other.



# **JESSICA HAUSNER BIOGRAPHY**

Jessica Hausner was born in Vienna in 1972. She studied directing at the Film Academy of Vienna where she made the award-winning short films FLORA (1996) and INTERVIEW (1999). Her debut feature film LOVELY RITA premiered in Un Certain Regard at Cannes in 2001. She returned to Un Certain Regard in 2004 with her second feature, HOTEL. In 2009, LOURDES was selected in competition at the Venice Film Festival, where it was awarded the FIPRESCI Prize. AMOUR FOU premiered in Un Certain Regard in 2014. Hausner's fifth film and English-language debut, LITTLE JOE (2019), premiered in competition at Cannes, as did her most recent feature, CLUB ZERO (2023) starring Mia Wasikowska and Sidse Babett Knudsen.



CLUB ZERO (2023) - Austria / UK / Germany / France / Denmark / Qatar LITTLE JOE (2019) - Austria / UK / Germany AMOUR FOU (2014) - Austria / Luxembourg / Germany LOURDES (2009) - Austria / France / Germany HOTEL (2004) - Austria / Germany LOVELY RITA (2001) - Austria / Germany INTER-VIEW (short film, 1999) - Austria FLORA (short film, 1995) - Austria

# **CAST**

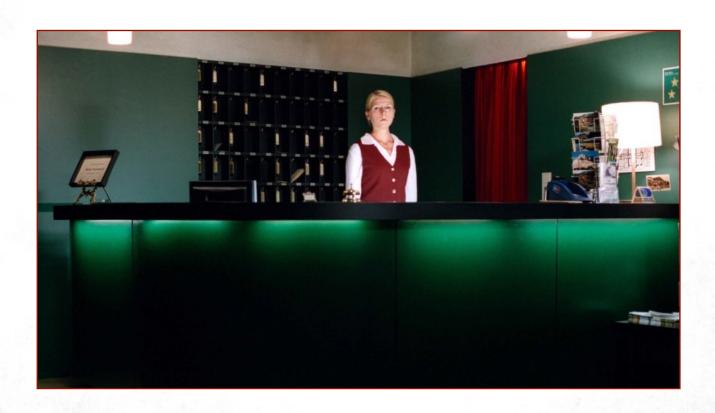
Rita
Fexi
Bus Driver
Rita's Father
Rita's Mother
Frau Huber
Frau Spor
Herr Oliveti
Frau Oliveti

Barbara Osika
Christoph Bauer
Peter Fiala
Wolfgang Kostal
Karina Brandlmayer
Linde Prelog
Heidi Baratta
Hubsi Kramar
Helga Illich

## **CREW**

Written & Directed by Producers

Director of Photography Editing Production Design Costume Designer Jessica Hausner
Antonin Svoboda, Heinz Stussak
Philippe Bober
Martin Gschlacht
Karin Hartusch
Katharina Wöppermann
Tanja Hausner



### **ABOUT FILM MOVEMENT**

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In 2015, Film Movement launched its reissue label Film Movement Classics, featuring new restorations released theatrically as well as on Blu-ray and DVD, including films by such noted directors as Eric Rohmer, Peter Greenaway, Bille August, Marleen Gorris, Takeshi Kitano, Arturo Ripstein and Sergio Corbucci.

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