

Die Vermessung der Welt

Measuring the world

Director: Detlev Buck. Cast: Albrecht Schuch, Florian David Fitz, Vicky Krieps
Germany (2012) 118 min. Biography, Drama, History. German with English subtitles

Two of the greatest minds of the 19th century, mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss and scientist Alexander von Humboldt, dedicate their studies to measuring and comprehending the world they live in. Based on Daniel Kehlmann's best-selling novel of the same name, this visually stunning epic is a playful re-imagining of the great men's lives. Humboldt, a man with a passion for global exploration, is contrasted with Gauss, a man who experiences his world through mathematical theories and figures. Gauss has his adventures at home in Germany. Humboldt his in the Amazon region. Gauss' interior journey of mathematical discovery proves to be just as rich and varied as Humboldt's adventures in remote areas of the world. Fact and fiction are mixed, often to humorous effect, to chronicle the findings of two very different men who nevertheless sought the same answers.



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