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**ADOPTION** 1975 89 min. (VHS)

Director: Marta Meszaros

Cast: Kati Berek, Gyongyver Vigh, Laszlo Szabo

A story about a young woman's efforts to become a mother.

**ANOTHER WAY** 1982 102 min. (VHS)

Director: Karoly Makk

Cast: Jadwiga Jankowska-Cieslak, Grazyna Szapolowska, Josef Kroner

In the aftermath of the failed Hungarian uprising of 1956, Livia, the wife of an army officer and a reporter at a Budapest newspaper, meets Eva, an outspoken lesbian journalist. When Eva and Livia fall in love, they embark on an affair that ends in heartbreak and violence for both. Winner of the Critics Prize and Best Actress for Jankowska-Cieslak at the Cannes Film Festival.

**DANIEL TAKES THE TRAIN** 1983 87 min. (VHS)

Director: Pal Sandor

Cast: Peter Rudolf, Katalin Szerb, Gyorgi Angeli

Set in the turmoil of 1956, Daniel is hopelessly in love with Marianne, the girl next door, but when their lives are disrupted by the Soviet invasion, he decides to join his friend on a train headed for the Austrian border. Full of black humor, this film was one of the first to break the silence on the 1956 Soviet invasion of Hungary.

**FATELESS** 2005 140 min. (DVD)

Director: Lajos Koltai

Based on the novel *Fatelessness* by Nobel Prize laureate Imre Kertész. Suitable for courses on Jews, Holocaust, World War II, Hungary, memory. One young man's devastating voyage through the Holocaust sets the stage for this powerful drama. Gyorgy "Gyurka" Koves (Marcell Nagy) is a 14-year-old Jewish boy living in Hungary when the Nazi pogroms begin sweeping through the country. Gyura's father (Janos Ban) has his business taken away from him not long before he's taken away to a concentration camp, and as he's led away, Gyura agrees to his father's request to look after his stepmother while he's gone.

**THE GIRL** 1968 89 min. (VHS)

Director: Marta Meszaros

Cast: Kati Kovacs, Adam Szirtes, Teri Horvath

A young woman leaves a state orphanage to find her mother and discovers a deep social and cultural division between them.

**I LOVE BUDAPEST** 2001 85 min. (DVD)

Director: Agnes Incze

Cast: Gabriella Hamori, Martina Kovacs, Sandor Csanyi

Nineteen year old Aniko moves to the city to fulfill her dream of a better life. With help from her friend Moni she gets a job and starts to make friends. But Aniko discovers that her new friends belong to an underworld of crime and violence.

**LOVEFILM** 1970 123 min. (DVD)

Director: Istvan Szabo

Cast: Judit Halasz, Andras Balint, Edit Kelemen

Childhood sweethearts, Jansci and Kata, are reunited in France after being separated during the 1956 Soviet invasion of Hungary. As adults, they must now unpack their mutual fascination for each other in order to discover whether their lives will keep them together or force them apart again.

**THE MAGIC HUNTER** 1996 106 min. (VHS)

Director: Ildiko Enyedi

Cast: Gary Kemp, Sadie Frost, Alexander Kaidanovsky

Max is the best sharpshooter on the Budapest police force. But when skill and luck desert him and he accidentally shoots a woman he was supposed to protect, a mysterious friend gives him seven magic bullets that are guaranteed to hit their mark. What Max doesn't know is that the last bullet belongs to the Devil and will only hit a target of the Devil's choosing.

**MEPHISTO** In German and Hungarian: 1981 144 min. (VHS)

Director: Istvan Szabo

Cast: K.M. Brandauer, A. Muller-Stahl, G. Landgrebe, J. Niklas, Krystyna Janda, Gyogory Cserhalmi, Peter Andorai, Ralf Hoppe

Based on a novel by Klaus Mann about the rise and corruption of an actor, taken from the experiences of Mann's ex-brother-in-law Gustav Grundgens, the famous German Actor. The screenplay is by Szabó and Péter Dobai.

**PORCELAIN DOLL** 2005 75 min. (DVD)

Director: Peter Gardos

Cast: Lajos Bertok, Sandor Csanyi, Judit Nemeth

Director Peter Gardos capably adapts Hungarian author Ervin Lazar's inventive novel STAR FARM into this engaging triptych of a movie. Three very different but thematically related stories unfold, exploring issues like the nature of life and death, competition, miracles, and authority.

**MY TWENTIETH CENTURY** 1990 104 min. (VHS)

Director: Ildiko Enyedi

Cast: Dortha Segda, Oleg Jankowski, Peter Andorai, Gabor Mate

At the turn of the century, two identical twins grow up and explore their worlds in very opposite ways. The erotic and playful Dora is a soft and self-indulgent contrast to her bomb-throwing revolutionary sister Lili, who was separated from her at birth. The sisters finally cross paths on the famous Orient Express by sleeping with the same confused man.

**THE RED AND THE WHITE** 1968 92 min. (VHS)

Director: Miklos Jancso

Cast: Tibor Molnar; Andras Kozak; Jozef Madaras, Nikita Mikhalkov, Krystyna Mikolajewska

Set in Central Russia during the Civil War of 1918, the story details a murderous battle between Russia's Red soldiers and the counter-revolutionary Whites in the hills along the Volga.

**THE REVOLT OF JOB** 1983 105 min. (VHS)

Directors: Imre Gyongyossy and Barna Kabay

Cast: Ferenc Zenthe; Heidi Temessy; Gabor Feher

An elderly Jewish couple determined to keep their heritage alive in the face of Nazi extermination adopt an eight year old Gentile boy to whom they hope to pass on not only their possessions but their spiritual values as well.

**SINBAD** 1970 98 min. (VHS)

Director: Zolan Huszariik

Cast: Zoltan Latinovits, Margit Dayka and Eva Ruttkay

Based on a novel by Gyula Krudy, the film is an evocation of memories of past romantic attachments by an aging Don Juan, set around the turn of the century.

**SUNSHINE** In English: 2000 180 min. (DVD)

Director: Istvan Szabo

Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Rosemary Harris, Rachel Weisz,

When great-grandpa Sonnenschein (the name means "sunshine") bottled the cure-all elixir "a taste of sunshine" he established a family fortune and assumed his sons would continue the business. But great-grandpa's sons- and family members to come-had very different hopes and dreams.

**TAMAS AND JULI** In French and Hungarian: 1997 60 min. (DVD)

Director: Ildiko Enyedi

Cast: Marta Angyal; David Janosi; Gyorgy Barko

A simple and touching story focusing on the budding romance between Tamas, a young coal miner, and Juli, a kindergarten teacher. On December 31, 1999, Juli sends a love letter to Tamas proposing a rendezvous, but Tamas is assigned a late shift in the mine. Juli is sitting and waiting for him, but he has no way of reaching her.

**TIME STANDS STILL** 1982 99 min. (VHS)

Director: Peter Gothar

Cast: Istvan Znamenak; Henrik Pauer; Sandor Soth; Aniko Ivan

This expressionist film examines Budapest's troubled adolescents of the early 1960's with humor and passion. The focus is on two young men, whose father left when the Soviets invaded Hungary in 1956 and whose mother stayed. They reflect the tension inherent in their parents' generation, as one worries about getting ahead, while the other is attracted to rock music and individualism.

**THE WITNESS** 1969 116 min. (VHS)

Director: Peter Bacso

Cast: Ferenc Kallai, Lajos Oze, Zoltan Fabri

Set in 1949, the film is a political satire that mixes forms and styles, symbolism and screwball farce. The story concerns a functionary who is imprisoned and eventually manipulated into providing testimony against his best friend, a government minister on trial for treason. This film was suppressed for 12 years.