

Director Sebastian Grobler

> Cast Daniel Brühl

Burghart Klaußner Justus von Dohnányi Kathrin von Steinburg Thomas Thieme Jürgen Tonkel Axel Prahl

Genre Drama

Language German

> Length 113 min

Produced by deutschfilm, Cuckoo Clock Entertainment and Senator Film Produktion in co-production

with Rialto Film and ARD Degeto









LESSONS OF A DREAM

SYNOPSIS

The young teacher Konrad Koch (Daniel Brühl) is hired to teach English at a strictly-run German school for boys in 1874. The reform-minded headmaster von Merfeld (Burghart Klaussner) has hired Koch as one of the very first English teachers of all at a German secondary school in order to let a fresh new wind into his musty institution. Koch sees how badly this is needed in his very first class. Everything that the boys know about England is common prejudices handed down from one generation to the next. In order to stir up some enthusiasm for the foreign language, Oxford graduate Koch resorts to unusual means and introduces his students to a curious sport that comes from Britain: football. Unfortunately, Koch's unconventional ways soon make him many enemies: influential parents, local dignitaries and, above all, his colleagues, who only believe in Prussian drills and discipline. They all want to get rid of Koch at any price. But then his students take the initiative ...

THE DIRECTOR

Sebastian Grobler studied German Language Studies, Psychology and History in Hamburg, followed by work as a director's assistant on various film and television productions. His graduation film from the Baden-Württemberg Film Academy, MORGEN FRÜH IST DIE NACHT DER RUHM, won the 2003 Studio Hamburg Up-and-Coming Filmmakers Award. Also active as a screenwriter, instructor and TV director, LESSONS OF A DREAM (DER GANZ GROSSE TRAUM, 2010) marks his theatrical feature debut.



