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There are some generations that can change this world.

You can be part of such a generation. Nelson Mandela, 2005



War, terrorism and humanitarian catastrophes are sad realities that affect everyone across the globe. For the most part, our perception of these ongoing tragedies is shaped by the media with its continually “on the scene” coverage.

Therefore film has the obligation to play an exceedingly important role in intensifying our awareness of the crises shaping our world. In the compassionate film endeavor “Cinema for Peace”, moviemakers from throughout the world are invited to work together to create a far-reaching platform for peace and tolerance.

The new “Cinema for Peace” project “Suddenly Gina” follows the story of a shy workaholic diplomat and the life-changing relationship he has with an unconventional girl that he meets during a G8 summit.

International proceeds from this movie go to “Make Poverty History”, an organization that bridges the gap between the rich and the poor, and to UNICEF, the children’s aid organization of the United Nations. UNICEF will spend the money on direly needed support for numerous crisis areas throughout the world as well as on the educational project “Schools for Africa”. “Schools for Africa” is a bold initiative to build 100,000 schools in Africa with the support of UNICEF and the Nelson Mandela Foundation. It is a UN Millennium Development Goal to ensure that by 2015 children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.

Cinema for Peace is supported by numerous artists such as Dustin Hoffman, Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, George Clooney and Richard Gere.



Romantic Comedy



Suddenly Gina



Suddenly Gina **Love can't change the world. But it is the first step!**



The story of a shy workaholic bureaucrat and his life-changing relationship with the unconventional girl he meets in a cafe, "Suddenly Gina" is a remake of the hugely successful BBC movie "The Girl in the Café", which was scripted by Emmy Award Winner and Oscar Nominee Richard Curtis ("Four Weddings and a Funeral", "Notting Hill", "Love Actually", "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason") and starred Bill Nighy and Kelly McDonald. "The Girl in the Café" was honored with 3 Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe. "Suddenly Gina" features Julia Jentsch, renowned for her award-winning portrayal of the heroine in "Sophie Scholl", in the role of Gina.

Laurens is a man loyal to his job. As advisor to the German Finance Minister, he spends his entire day brooding over documents. Then one day he meets an enigmatic woman named Gina, a midwife, who intrigues him with her sheer vitality. Suddenly aware of everything that has been missing from his life, he impulsively invites Gina to accompany him to the upcoming G8 Summit. Gina accepts, and so

begins the story of an unlikely love that will not only alter Laurens' life, but possibly also the course of world politics...

It is soon obvious that the spirited Gina does not fit into the stuffy world of diplomats and economists. She speaks a language that most of them have long since forgotten: the language of the heart. It is a language that enchants Laurens, despite the turmoil it threatens to cause him. As their love deepens, the bureaucrat hardly recognizes himself. He is in seventh heaven. Yet he begins to wonder - does he have the strength to stand by Gina, even if the going gets rough?

Gina soon realizes that most of the politicians at the Summit are more interested in their own petty vanities and squabbles than in reducing world poverty. Gina becomes increasingly outspoken at the Summit, directly challenging the reigning powers to do more to end world poverty. For his part, Laurens is embarrassed by Gina's outbursts, worrying that her behavior may cost him his job. Laurens now faces a difficult choice. Can he give up his career for love?



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Movie, 1 x 90'

Directed by Maria von Heland

Starring Julia Jentsch, Jan Josef Liefers, Iris Berben, Catherine Deneuve, Andrea Sawatzki, Jürgen Heinrich

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