April und die außergewöhnliche Welt (2015)

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PG | 1h 45min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy | 8 April 2016 (USA)

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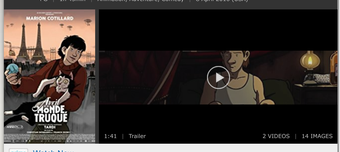

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April und die außergewöhnliche Welt is a movie starring Marion Cotillard, Philippe Katerine, and Jean Rochefort. 1941. France asleep in the nineteenth century, governed by steam and Napoleon V, where scientists vanish mysteriously. Avril (Marion Cotillard), a teenage girl, goes in search of her missing scientist parents.

Directors: Christian Desmares, Franck Ekinci
Writers: Franck Ekinci (screenplay), Benjamin Legrand (screenplay) | 4 more credits »
Stars: Marion Cotillard, Philippe Katerine, Jean Rochefort | See full cast & crew »

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Cast

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Cast overview, first billed only:

Marion Cotillard	...	Avril (voice)
Philippe Katerine	...	Darwin (voice)
Jean Rochefort	...	Pops (voice)
Olivier Gourmet	...	Paul (voice)
Marc-André Grondin	...	Julius (voice)
Bouli Lanners	...	Pizoni (voice)
Anne Coesens	...	Chimène (voice)
Macha Grenon	...	Annette (voice)
Benoît Brière	...	Rodrigue (voice)
Angela Galuppo	...	April (voice)
Tony Hale	...	Darwin (voice)
Tony Robinow	...	Pops (voice)
Mark Camacho	...	Paul (voice)
Tod Fennell	...	Julius (voice)
Paul Giamatti	...	Pizoni (voice)

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Storyline

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In 1941, the world is radically different from the one we know from history books. Geopolitics has developed strangely: Napoleon V rules France and, for the last 70 years, scholars have been mysteriously disappearing, depriving mankind of their inventions. Without radio, television, electricity, aviation, and the combustion engine, the world is mired in outdated technology, dozing in the previous century's knowhow dominated by coal and steam. In this bizarre universe, Avril (Marion Cotillard), a teenage girl, Darwin (Philippe Katerine), her talking cat, Pops (Jean Rochefort), her grandfather, and Julius (Marc-André Grondin), a young scoundrel and police informer, go off in search of Avril's parents, two of the missing scientists. The quartet will face many dangers and mysteries in this strange new Rigged World.
Written by Polly_Kat

Plot Summary | Plot Synopsis

Plot Keywords: paris france | alternate history | steampunk | scientist | talking cat | See All (37) »

Genres: Animation | Adventure | Comedy | Drama | Mystery | Thriller

Motion Picture Rating (MPAA)
Rated PG for action/peril including gunplay, some thematic elements and rude humor | See all certifications »
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Details

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Official Sites: O'Brother [Belgium] | Telefilm Canada [Canada] | See more »
Country: France | Belgium | Canada
Language: French
Release Date: 8 April 2016 (USA) See more »
Also Known As: April und die außergewöhnliche Welt See more »

Box Office

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Budget: $12,400,000 (estimated)
Opening Weekend USA: $11,413, 27 March 2016, Limited Release
Gross USA: $294,313, 5 June 2016
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Company Credits

Production Co: Je Suis Bien Content, StudioCanal, Kaibou Productions See more »
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Technical Specs

Runtime: 105 min
Color: Color
Aspect Ratio: 1.85 : 1
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Macha Grenon voiced Annette in both the French and the English version. See more »

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Rodrigue: Chimène, I just had an idea. A nonviolent one! I think you'll like it.
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Connections
References Metropolis (1927) See more »

Soundtracks
Symphony No. 5, Op. 47, II. Allegretto
Composed by Dmitri Shostakovich
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2016 has really proved to be a great year for film. April and the Extraordinary World may not be on the level of some truly fantastic animated films (Kubo and the Two Strings, Tower, The Red Turtle, Zootopia) but it's still a very good film in its own right. The great thing about it is that it is not held back by having to only appeal to children and by not having to show anything that may be even remotely inappropriate for kids. It's a very classic action-adventure story, one where you could also see working in live action (although not exactly because many of the characters would not translate to live action as well). It is very well paced, very funny at times, and also genuinely heartfelt. That ending was also really effective, with the last scene really hitting on some great themes that the film had only previously alluded to. Definitely recommended.

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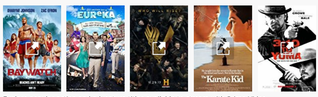

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