

Weimar Cinema Uncensored

Basic Dates

1918

- Nov. 9** **The abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II is announced**
SPD proclaims the German Republic, USPD/Spartacus League proclaims the Free Socialist Republic of Germany
- Nov. 10** **A six-member provisional revolutionary government, the Council of People's Deputies, is formed between SPD and USPD**
- Nov. 11** **Germany signs Armistice**
- Nov. 12** **Provisional revolutionary government abolishes film censorship**
- Nov. 22** ***Sündige Mütter* (Es werde Licht! 4. Teil), directed by Richard Oswald**
- Nov. 30** **Oswald announces preparations for an "Aufklärungsfilm" titled "Die Prostitution," to be made with input from Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld**
- Dec. 27** **Provisional government dissolves after USPD members withdraw**
- Dec. 30** **German Communist Party (KPDP) is founded**

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- Jan 5-12** **Spartacist Uprising suppressed by nationalist paramilitary Freikorps**
- Jan 15** **Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht murdered**
- Jan 19** **Election for deputies to National Assembly (women can vote)**
- Jan 29** ***Opium* (Robert Reinert) sparks first debates about morality in film**
- Feb 19** **Oswald shows *Die Prostitution Pt. 1* to "a small circle of friends"**
- May 1** ***Prostitution, Pt. 1- Das gelbe Haus* (R. Oswald) -- backlash begins**
- May 7** **Tucholsky writes a scathing attack on "Aufklärungsfilme"**
- May 28** ***Anders als die Andern* by Richard Oswald, with participation of Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld -- more censorship pressure**

June 19	Oswald writes essay arguing for self-discipline over censorship
June 20	<i>Die Austernprinzessin</i> (Ernst Lubitsch)
June 28	Versailles Treaty signed
Aug 11	Weimar Constitution signed; guarantees freedom of expression
Aug 30	<i>Prostitution, Pt. 2- Die sich verkaufen</i> (Richard Oswald)
Aug 30	<i>Blondes Gift</i> (Hubert Moest)
Sept 18	<i>Madame Dubarry</i> (Ernst Lubitsch)
Oct 16	Debate in National Assembly on Film Censorship
Oct 21	<i>Pest in Florenz</i> (Otto Rippert/screenplay by Fritz Lang)
Nov 5	<i>Unheimliche Geschichten</i> (Richard Oswald)
Dec 30	<i>Alkohol</i> (E.A. Dupont)

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Jan 22	<i>Nerven</i> (Robert Reinert) First shown in Munich in December 1919
Feb 24	First mass meeting of German Workers party (later National Socialist Workers' Party/NSDAP) in Munich; Hitler announces Nazi Party program
Feb 26	<i>Das Cabinet des Dr. Caligari</i> (Robert Wiene)
Feb 27	<i>Der Reigen</i> (Richard Oswald)
March 13-17	Kapp Putsch: Proto-fascist coup is defeated by a three-day general strike
March/Apr	Communist uprising in Ruhr and Central Germany
May 12	National Assembly passes the Reichslichtspielgesetz – national film censorship returns
Sep 2	<i>Genuine</i> (Robert Wiene)

See also Prinzler's "Chronicle of Weimar Films" on this website [here](#).