

A Year Ago in Winter

Im Winter ein Jahr

Germany/2008/35mm/Colour/128'/German

Direction, Screenplay: Caroline Link

Producer: Uschi Reich, Martin Moszkowicz

Cinematography : Bella Halben

Editing: Patricia Rommel

Sound: Roman Schwartz, Michael Kranz

Cast: Karoline Herfurth, Corinna Harfouch, Hanns Zischler,
Misel Maticevic, Franz Dinda



Awards/Festivals

Toronto 2008, Hof 2008, Marrakech 2008, Berlin 2009, Hong Kong 2009, Mill Valley 2009, Bavarian Film Prize, Best Director & Best Newcomer Actress 2009, German Film Award, Best Film, Silver, Best Score 2009, Crystal Griffon, Giffoni 2009

A year after the death of her 18-year-old son Alexander, his mother commissions painter Max Hollander to produce a portrait of Alexander and daughter Lilli, a talented dancer. Lilli's visits to Max's studio spark a series of events that brings each character face-to-face with feelings of guilt, desire and grief. As Max struggles to perfect his portrait, the stormy interaction between artist and subjects brings forth the intense psychological state of a complex family. The tragic loss of a loved one becomes the catalyst for each family member to rediscover themselves and redefine their relationships.