

“The film exalts in the diverse accomplishments of the 12th century Benedictine nun. Sukowa embodies her character’s imposition of will with complete conviction, just as she does Hildegard’s imposing intellect and bottomless devotion.” –Todd McCarthy, VARIETY

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A FILM BY MARGARETHE VON TROTTA
V I S I O N
FROM THE LIFE OF HILDEGARD VON BINGEN



“A MAGNETIC PERFORMANCE...

a surprisingly persuasive addition to von Trotta’s gallery of potent female protagonists...photography takes maximum advantage of the film’s pastoral cloister settings, evoking eloquent contrasts between candlelit stone interiors and foresty exteriors.” –Jan Stuart, SCREEN DAILY



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FROM THE LIFE OF HILDEGARD VON BINGEN

A visionary in every sense of the word, Hildegard von Bingen, the famed 12th-century Benedictine nun was a Christian mystic, composer, philosopher, playwright, poet, naturalist, scientist, physician, herbalist and ecological activist. New German Cinema auteur Margarethe von Trotta reunites with recurrent star Barbara Sukowa to bring the story of this extraordinary woman to life. In a staggering performance, Sukowa portrays von Bingen’s fierce determination to expand the responsibilities of women within the order, even as she fends off outrage from some in the Church over the visions she claims to receive from God.

“Sukowa’s fierce performance helps to make the character’s mystical yearning credible.” –Stephen Farber, THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

“A TIMELESS, POWERFUL FILM!

Takes you into a world seldom seen or heard, with piercing intelligence, and a wonderful central performance by Barbara Sukowa.”

–JOHN TURTURRO

2010 – Germany – 111 mins – Cinemascope – Color – Dolby SRD – In German with English subtitles

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