

KINO LORBER

BURT LANCASTER HELMUT BERGER SILVANA MANGANO

LUCHINO VISCONTI'S CONVERSATION PIECE



Restored by the CSC – Cineteca Nazionale

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SYNOPSIS

A retired professor and art lover leads a solitary life in his abode in Rome. Countess Bianca Brumonti insists on renting a floor of his mansion. He agrees in exchange for a unique painting that he wants for his collection. The arrival of the countess' eccentric family turns his quiet life upside down.

Silvana Mangano and Helmut Berger star alongside Burt Lancaster in the roles of Bianca and her young lover – central characters in this family possessing rather unusual moral values. In the film, the professor succumbs to the charms of Konrad Huebel, despite his vulgar nature. A strange relationship – based on desire and domination – comes to exist between them. For some, this fictitious couple is a metaphor for the relationship that was formed between Luchino Visconti and Helmut Berger.

ABOUT THE RESTORATION

The restoration—initiated in 2019 and finalized in its 4K master version in December 2023 was carried out by CSC – Cineteca Nazionale (Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia) using the original 35mm camera negative and the optical sound negative (both supplied by Minerva Pictures Group Srl).

Image processing, scanning to UHD 4K, and final grading were completed at Studio Emme, Rome, with sound supervision by Federico Savina.

This new UHD 4K edition restores Visconti's precise chromatic design, elegant interior compositions, and sonic detail with unprecedented clarity and fidelity.

CREDITS

Director: Luchino Visconti

Writers: Suso Cecchi d'Amico, Enrico Medioli, Luchino Visconti

Cinematography: Pasqualino De Santis

Editing: Ruggero Mastroianni

Music: Franco Mannino

Cast: Burt Lancaster, Helmut Berger, Silvana Mangano

Producer: Giovanni Bertolucci

1974 / Color / 121 min / Italy / In English and Italian with English subtitles