



# THE TCHAIKOVSKY FILES - CONFESSION OF A COMPOSER

by Ralf Pleger



## SYNOPSIS

An emotionally charged psychograph of the most famous Russian composer on the occasion of his 175th birthday in May, 2015

The film radically transfers Peter Tchaikovsky into the present time and draws an emotional psychological portrait. Tchaikovsky's fate, being at the mercy of a homophobic environment as a gay man, comes up for current discussion. Additionally, renowned international artists and experts reveal their very personal approach to Tchaikovsky and his music.

Tchaikovsky is regarded as Russia's most famous composer. Works like "Swan Lake", "Eugene Onegin" and the Symphony no. 6 "Pathétique" are among his global triumphs. He is celebrated as a national hero. And Tchaikovsky was gay – then as now a taboo in Russia.

With a radical cinematic artifice Tchaikovsky's adventures are translated into the here and now. The composer's struggle with his homosexuality, the serious consequences of his crisis, the fusion of life and work and the mysterious...

## FESTIVALS

Winner of ECHO German Music Award Classic 2016

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Ralf Pleger · PRODUCER Christian Beetz · SOUND  
Stefan Kochinke, Falco Seliger · EDITOR Frank Tschöke · DOP  
Tobias Albrecht, Jürgen Rehberg · SOUND DESIGN Frank  
Tschöke

Germany 2015

52 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Human Rights, Music

### CONTENT CATEGORIES

Docudrama, Hybrid

### PREMIERE

Germany (2015)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

beetz brothers film production  
Berlin

Germany

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### LINKS / REFERENCE

<http://www.vimeo.com/123941...>

<http://www.amazon.de/dp/B01...>

(DVD)