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Through March 2008 get 30% off on [The Legend of Paul and Paula](#) and [Solo Sunny](#). PLUS the first five callers get a free video of [Anton the Magician!](#) (413-545-6681)

Welcome!

This March 6-8 we'll be at the annual [Society for Cinema and Media Studies](#) conference in Philadelphia. Meet us in the Exhibition Hall at the Loew's Philadelphia Hotel. We're looking forward to talking with you about our new releases, our upcoming film tours and ways to use our films in your classes!

• **Dresen Festival in Athens, Georgia**

A two-day conference entitled *The Meaning of Culture: German Studies in the 21st Century* will be held March 28-29, 2008, and hosted by the Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies at the University of Georgia. Accompanying the conference will be an Andreas Dresen German Film Festival, with a program that includes Dresen's own films and three of his favorite DEFA films: [The Legend of Paul and Paula](#), [Solo Sunny](#), and [Anton the Magician](#) (pictured above).



Learn more...

• **New on DVD - Spring 2008**

While BluRay has apparently won the high-definition war, our catalogue still includes some titles only on VHS! In response to many requests by our readers, we are working to make these titles available on DVD as soon as possible.



(NTSC, without subtitles)

More...

Our current batch includes: [Carla](#), [The Kaiser's Lackey](#), [Solo Sunny](#), [Berlin-Schönhauser Corner](#), [Animation before Unification](#), and [That Was the GDR](#). And we're still working on a great bonus film for [The Bicycle](#) (coming March 2008): on February 20, director Evelyn Schmidt, dramaturg Erika Richter, and leading actress Heidemarie Schneider came together for an interview with film historian Ralf Schenk in Berlin!

We'd like to thank everybody who helped us with these DVDs: our designer Detlef Helmbold, Eric Levesque - who programmed the DVDs and was very patient with us (thank you, Eric!) - and all our friends at ICESTORM and the DEFA Foundation.

Learn more...

- **Release Update: Kuhle Wampe, or Who Owns the World?**

We have received many inquiries about our upcoming release of [Kuhle Wampe, or Who Owns the World?](#) We are very pleased that there is so much interest in



this film! We had originally planned the release for May 2007, but realized that the original material was in need of significant restoration. The restoration process will begin shortly at Studio Hamburg in March 2008. We'll keep you updated as this DVD release comes closer to fruition!

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- **Subtitling for MIT and the French Consulate in Boston**

We just finished subtitling a spectacular documentary on the famous contemporary Swiss-born French playwright, Valère Novarina, to be screened on March 17 at MIT in Cambridge, Boston. *What Cannot Be Spoken Is What Must Be Said* (2002, Dir. Raphaël O'Byrne) presents Novarina's approach to performance, language, and the visual arts. The screening is part of a four-day program during Novarina's visit to MIT, which will also include readings by the author.

For more on Novarina, see www.novarina.com.

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