

Chester Film Society presents

Charlotte

Canada/Belgium/France 2022 | 1hr 32m | Cert 12

Director: Tahir Rana and Éric Warin

Starring: Keira Knightley, Jim Broadbent, Sam Claflin, Sophie Okonedo, Eddie Marsan and Helen McCrory

Synopsis

Charlotte is an animated drama that tells the true story of Charlotte Salomon, a young German-Jewish painter who comes of age in Berlin on the eve of the Second World War. Fiercely imaginative and deeply gifted, she dreams of becoming an artist. But the world around her is changing quickly and dangerously, limiting her options and derailing her dream.

Critical acclaim

"Tahir Rana and Éric Warin make provocative storytelling choices, consistently accentuating the political darkness around Salomon with a festering sense of familial unease." *Times*

"It can't fail to be moving and deeply painful, though the rather conventional, pastel-hued, 2D animation is somewhat at odds with Salomon's vibrant Expressionistic style and the terrible events themselves."

Arts Desk

"Though somewhat flawed and less artistically daring than it could be, Charlotte still makes for an emotional, humane viewing experience."

Empire

"It's certainly strong material, and many of Salomon's bold, expressionist artworks are recreated on screen. However, the rest of the film feels reined-in and too conventional by comparison." *Radio Times*

"This is an absorbingly told story; Knightley's vocal performance is engaging and Charlotte's face, in particular, is strongly and expressively drawn." *The Guardian*

"While the soft pastel backdrops are rather lovely, the film seems cocooned by design in its own prettiness, doing little to illustrate the encroaching darkness." *The Telegraph*

"The full-length animated feature traces Charlotte Salomon's life from her teens as an art student in Berlin, through her escape to France, and her eventual capture and murder. The treatment is sensitive and affectionate, a sweet tribute to a tragic life." *Womens' Voices For Change*

Conclusion

Charlotte paints and finds new love. But her work is interrupted by family tragedy that reveals an even darker secret. Only an extraordinary act will save her, so she embarks on the monumental adventure of painting her life story.

Our next film:

Azor. Showing February 8th 2024

7.30pm (doors 7 pm)

At The Garret, Storyhouse

www.chesterfilmsociety.co.uk

Please rate tonight's film using the scale below. We welcome your comments! Detach and hand in as you leave.

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