

A Different Evening  
International Film Club at Ahmedabad University  
(In Memory of Prof. Niranjan Bhagat)

Date: **August 11, 2023, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Ahmedabad University Auditorium,  
GICT Building, Near M G Science College.



Name of the Film: **Woman in Gold** (Based on a true story)

Date of Release: April 10, 2015.

**Director: Simon Curtis (PE Nomination + 3 Other Awards + 17 Nominations)**

Music: Hans Zimmer (2 Oscar Awards +159 Other Awards + 286 Nominations)

Cinematography: Ross Emery (2 International Awards+ 1 Nomination)

Genre: Biography, Drama, History

Duration: 1 Hour 49 Minutes

**Awards: 6 International Nominations**

Also known as: La dama de oro

**Actors:**

**Helen Mirren (Oscar Winner + 130 Other Awards + 134 Nominations)**

**Ryan Reynolds (21 International Awards + 62 Nominations)**

**Daniel Brühl (BAFTA Winner + 27 Other Awards + 35 Nominations)**

**Jonathan Pryce (Oscar Nomination + 10 Other Awards + 32 Nominations)**

Audio Language: **English** Subtitles: **English**

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 16:9 (High Definition 720p)

### **About the film:**

Maria Altmann sought to regain a world-famous painting of her aunt plundered by the Nazis during World War II. She did so not just to regain what was rightfully hers, but also to obtain some measure of justice for the death, destruction, and massive art theft perpetrated by the Nazis.

### **Trivia:**

Oprah Winfrey was, for ten years, the owner of Gustav Klimt's second-most-famous portrait of the subject of the painting unofficially known as "Woman in Gold." The second most famous Klimt portrait of Bloch-Bauer was officially titled "Adele Bloch-Bauer II." Winfrey reportedly bought the painting anonymously in 2006, when Christie's sold it at auction for \$87.9 million, during the same auction session when the subject of this film was sold, along with four other Klimt paintings owned by Maria Altmann's family. In 2016, Winfrey sold the 54"x54" painting, "Adele Bloch-Bauer II," to a Chinese collector for \$150 million.

In 2005, a federal judge in Brooklyn approved a \$21.8 million award to the surviving members of the two families, the Bloch-Bauer and Pick families, which owned the sugar company with other investors in Austria.

Before the escape shown in this movie, Maria Altmann's husband, Fritz, was arrested by the Nazis and held at the Dachau concentration camp for nearly two months in order to force his brother, Bernhard, who had already escaped to France, to transfer his ownership of his company to the Nazis. Fritz was released, then put on house arrest for three months up until his escape.

Aunt Adele's diamond choker, which passed on to Maria Altmann upon her marriage, reportedly ended up decorating the neck of top Nazi Hermann Göring's wife. An estimated 100,000 works of art stolen by the Nazis have not been returned to their rightful owners. Maria Altmann died in 2011 at the age of ninety-four, just eleven days before her ninety-fifth birthday.

**Tag line: "The fight for justice never ends, but justice is priceless."**