

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

Date: **September 22, 2023, Friday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

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



Name of the Film: **The Pianist** (Based on the book by Wladyslaw Szpilman)

Date of Release: March 28, 2003.

**Director: Roman Polanski (Oscar Winner + 100 Other Awards + 92 Nominations)**

Music: Wojciech Kilar (BAFTA Nominee + 12 Other Awards + 8 Nominations)

Cinematography: Pawel Edelman (Oscar Nominee + 11 Awards + 19 Nominations)

Genre: Biography, Drama, War, Music

Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

**Awards: 3 Oscars + 57 Other Awards + 74 Nominations**

Also known as: El pianista

**Actors:**

**Adrien Brody (Oscar Winner + 16 Other Awards + 41 Nominations)**

**Frank Finlay (Oscar Nomination + 3 Other Awards + 6 Nominations)**

**Emilia Fox (1 International Award + 2 Nominations)**

**Maureen Lipman (2 BAFTA Nominations + 3 Other Nominations)**

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

Colour: Colour

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

### **About the film:**

In this adaptation of the autobiography "The Pianist: The Extraordinary True Story of One Man's Survival in Warsaw, 1939-1945," Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jewish radio station pianist, sees Warsaw change gradually as World War II begins. Szpilman is forced into the Warsaw Ghetto but is later separated from his family during Operation Reinhard. From this time until the concentration camp prisoners are released, Szpilman hides in various locations among the ruins of Warsaw.

### **Trivia:**

Adrien Brody became the youngest person to date to win an Academy Award for Best Actor when he won for this film at the age of 29.

Roman Polanski himself experienced the Holocaust. His parents were sent to two different concentration camps: his father to Mauthausen-Gusen in Austria, where he survived the war, and his mother to Auschwitz where she was murdered.

Adrien Brody lost 14 kg (31 lb) for the role of Wladyslaw Szpilman by eating a daily diet of two boiled eggs and green tea for breakfast, a little chicken for lunch, and a small piece of fish or chicken with steamed vegetables for dinner over a six week period. Initially his weight was 73 kg (161 lb).

This is the first film ever to receive the Best Film Award at the Césars (France's national film award) with not a single word of French spoken in it.

Director Roman Polanski could not attend the Academy Award ceremony in Los Angeles where he won the Oscar for Best Director, due to an outstanding arrest warrant for a sexual abuse case. The award was accepted on his behalf by Harrison Ford, who presented it to Polanski five months later at the Deauville Film Festival.

Adrien Brody was convinced he didn't have a shot at winning the Best Actor Oscar and told fellow nominee Michael Caine that he hadn't thought of anything to say because he was sure he wasn't going to make it up to the podium.

**Tag line: Music was his passion .... Survival was his masterpiece.**