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## Emperor Franz Joseph and World War I

### Kaiser Franz und der erste Weltkrieg

After the assassination of the heir to the throne, Franz Ferdinand, in Sarajevo on June 28th 1914, emperor Franz Joseph signed the declaration of war against Serbia. Misled by the military and political forces, the 84 year old monarch provoked an apocalypse. Initially the offensive was intended to be limited by territory and time. However, it ended in one of the vastest mass mortality in human history. The film shows the first 3 years of war, from 1914 until the death of Emperor Franz Joseph, husband of the popular Empress Sissy, in November 1916 analyzing the background, motives and mechanisms of a war that was fought not only for political and military dominance but also for the «salvation of the occident». A battle between East and West, between Germanic and Slavs.

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**Directed by** Andreas Novak

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