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On 26. August 1278, one of medieval Europe's greatest battles ended the long-running conflict of two powerful dynasties, and determined who would dominate Europe for centuries to come. In a battle between the King of the Germans and the King of Bohemia, Rudolf I of the House of Habsburg and Ottokar II of the Premyslid dynasty, the candidate of compromise was pitched against the continent's most powerful ruler. The victor of the Battle of the March established the foundations for

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the rise of an unparalleled dynasty that would determine the course of European history for the next six and a half centuries, ruling one of the world's greatest empires: the Habsburgs. «1278 - The Battle for the Continent» traces Rudolf's rise at the original locations. The docudrama examines events from many different perspectives with international experts including prospecting archaeologist Wolfgang Neubauer of Vienna's Ludwig Boltzmann Institute. His high technology re-imagines and re-evaluates the battle - fought between 15,000 mounted warriors - while new research sets events in the context of the brutal politics of the High Middle Ages. The film recounts Rudolf's rivalry with King Ottokar of Bohemia and his rise from princeling of the lands between the Rhine, the Black Forest and Lake Constance to ruler of All the Christians.

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Run-Time: 1 x 52 min.

Directed by Fritz Kalteis

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