

The life of a Russian doctor/poet who, although married, falls for a political activist's wife and experiences hardships during the Bolshevik Revolution.

Release date December 22, 1965

Directed by David Lean
Produced by Carlo Ponti
Screenplay by Robert Bolt
Based on the novel *Doctor* Zhivago by
Boris Pasternak
Music by Maurice Jarre
Cinematography by Freddie Young, BSC
and Nicolas Roeg

## **STARRING:**

Omar Sharif....Dr. Yuri Andreyevich Zhivago Julie Christie.....Lara Antipova Geraldine Chaplin.....Tonya Gromeko Rod Steiger.....Victor Komarovsky Alec Guinness....General Yevgraf Zhivago Tom Courtenay.....Pasha Antipov Ralph Richardson.....Alexander Gromeko Tarek Sharif.....Yuri at 8 years old

## **FUN FACTS:**

- 1. Pasternak's Nobel prizing-winning novel had been a huge international success and Carlo Ponti bought the rights as a vehicle for his wife, Sophia Loren. David Lean did not want to use Loren claiming she was "too tall" for the role.
- 2. As with the novel itself, the film was banned in the Soviet Union. It was not shown in Russia until 1994.
- 3. Winter scenes of the family travelling to Yuriatin by rail were filmed in Canada.
- 4. According to Guinness, Lean was 'acting the part of a superstar director' and frequently insulted Guinness' performance and him personally. Their quarrelling caused a rift to develop between the two and they would not work again until *A Passage to India* almost twenty years later.
- 5. Maurice Jarre's score—particularly "Lara's Theme"—became one of the most famous in cinematic history. It won the Grammy in 1967 for Best Original Score, beating among others John Barry and Henry Mancini.
- 6. *Doctor Zhivago* was awarded Oscars for Art Direction/Set Direction, Cinematography, Costume Design, Music and Screenplay.
- 7. Trains/locomotives are a trademark of David Lean's and play a significant role in his film's plot (e.g., Brief Encounter (1945), The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957), Summertime (1955), Doctor Zhivago (1965), Lawrence of Arabia (1962), A Passage to India (1984) etc.

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