

Film Title and Release Date: *The Phantom of the Opera* (2004)

Film Length in Minutes: 143 minutes

Film Genre: Musical/Romance

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This fictional movie takes place in 19th century Paris within an opera house where the old managers of the opera house decide to retire. A young Swedish opera singer named Christine Daae who is very kind and innocent but has the voice of an angel. She is with her most trusted childhood friend Raoul who has a love interest for Christine. Raoul is a brave friend who always looks out to protect Christine. Christine rejoices in the retirement of the managers of the opera house. But there are rumors of a ghost-like phantom that haunts the opera house by sabotaging shows and sending threatening messages to the managers of the opera house. One day for a special showing called Faust starring prima donna Carlotta, the phantom sabotages Carlotta during one of the rehearsals so that she is not able to sing for the show. The phantom had announced that he wanted Christine to sing for the show, so the managers in fear made Christine the lead singer of the show. Later on the Phantom then kidnaps Christine and brings her to his hideout under the opera house where the Phantom reveals his name to be Erik. Christine then unveils his mask to see his face half disfigured. With Erik (Phantom) upset from her seeing his face, he decides he wants to keep her imprisoned forever but will only let her go if she pledges her love and loyalty to him. Christine agrees and leaves but then she tells Raoul where he pledges to protect her. With the Phantom furious and Christine having to sing for the show, the Phantom had tried to sabotage Christine's show, making sure it was her last song before he took her away forever and also tried to get rid of Raoul for good. In the end the Phantom and Raoul battle it out to end up in a stalemate. The Phantom runs away and disappears while Christine and Raoul live happily together.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I found this film by just casually browsing.

Did the plot keep you interested?

The plot kept me very interested, it was a really enjoyable movie.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

I found that the pace of the movie was just right and nothing felt really rushed or anything.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

I would find this film appropriate for grades 8-12 but definitely not little kids only because as good as this movie was it still has a great deal of violence within the movie.

4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch. I give this 4 stars because the music and imagery of this film were quite incredible. But a movie like this is not usually the kind of thing I am super interested in but I am happy that I tried to watch something different and picked this movie. The beginning of the film where they open they go into the opera house and see how the opera house changes with the vibrant colors. Or when the Phantom disguised himself to get close to Christine during the show while the police were looking for him. Also when he kidnaps Christine and takes her to his lair, I thought that lair looked really impressive. It upset me to see that the Phantom (Erik) had been abused as a child because of his facial disfigurement but nonetheless this film was pretty enjoyable.