

LATE SHIFT

Switzerland/Germany (2025) 92 minutes

Director: Petra Biondina Volpe

Cast: Leonie Benesca (Floria)

Sonja Riesen (Bea)

Alireza Bayram (Jan)



Screening 24th March 2027 at Swindon Arts Centre

Summary

Floria, a dedicated nurse, tirelessly serves in an understaffed hospital ward. However, today her shift becomes a tense and urgent race against the clock.

Reviews



"...Fans of medical dramas will appreciate writer and director Petra Biondina Volpe's care in combining a high stakes drama with a deeply human perspective...."

"...Volpe strikes a careful balance that provides suspense without sensationalizing, tension without melodrama, and respect for the real-world heroes the film depicts. Those who work in the field will no doubt find much that rings true."

Louisa Moore, Screen Zealots

"...Volpe's workplace drama is more an exercise in empathy than a typical structural analysis of dynamics. While the relationship between Floria and her patients is certainly examined, in both tenderness and conflict, Benesch's performance is mostly a solitary one. This film rests on the shoulders of her measured and diligent portrayal of the collision between duty and care, especially within a system that doesn't permit both to coexist in equal measure...."

Peyton Robinson, RogerEbert.com

Film Facts

- Petra Biondina Volpe was inspired to write the film by the non-fiction book, *Our Profession is not the Problem, it's the Circumstances*, by the German nurse, Madeline Calvelage.
- The original German title is *Heldin* or *Heroine*.

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