

BIOGRAPHICAL SERIAL ABOUT FINDER OF THE WORLD FAMOUS NATURAL MINERAL WATER SPRING MATTONI IN CARLSBAD







Biographical serial about Heinrich Mattoni, capitalist of the early period of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, founder of the world-famous mineral water bottling company, a man of a dynamic and controversial fate.

The thirteen episodes seek to amuse the television viewer by gentle irony, and in the spirit of The Forsyte Saga, they narrate the life story of the entrepreneur, a hero of his time, a great lover desperately longing for genuine human dignity.

The backbone of the story is a lifelong, constant struggle between two strong personalities, Heinrich Mattoni and his wife Wilhemina. It is taking place long before the fulfilment of the idea of gender equality, a time of patriarchal masculinity, which adds to its intensity and poignancy. And as in probably most marriages at all times – it is a struggle in which love and hatred are often confused with each other. The narrative about the seller of the today legendary Mattoni mineral water and his energetic wife covers a long period of time, from roughly mid-1830s till 1910.

It is set in the picturesque environment of Kyselka Spa, the colonnades of Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad), Schönbrunn, the streets of period Prague and New York.

Videotape HDTV, 13 x approx 56', m/e track, English subtitles, © 2016



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