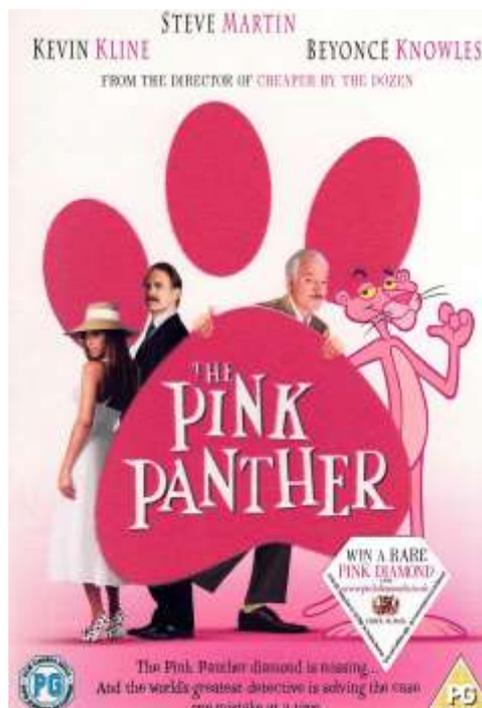


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Pink Panther**



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Information

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AKA: The Birth of the Pink Panther

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Languages: English

Filming locations: Little Europe, Backlot, Universal Studios - 100

Universal City Plaza, Universal City, California, USA

Sound mix: Dolby Digital, DTS, SDDS

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

<i>The Pink Panther</i>	
Theatrical release poster	
Directed by	Shawn Levy
Screenplay by	Len Blum Steve Martin
Story by	Len Blum Michael Saltzman
Based on	<i>The Pink Panther</i> by Maurice Richlin Blake Edwards
Produced by	Robert Simonds
Starring	Steve Martin Kevin Kline Jean Reno Emily Mortimer Henry Czerny Beyoncé Knowles
Cinematography	Jonathan Brown
Edited by	George Folsey Jr. Brad E. Wilhite
Music by	Christophe Beck Henry Mancini (Theme)
Production companies	Columbia Pictures ^[1] Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures ^[1]
Distributed by	Sony Pictures Releasing ^[2] (North America) 20th Century Fox (International) ^{[2][3]}
Release dates	January 19, 2006 (Alpe d'Huez) February 10, 2006 (United States)
Running time	93 minutes
Country	United States ^[1]
Language	English
Budget	\$80 million ^[2]
Box office	\$164.1 million ^[2]

Storyline

At a football match between France and China, France coach Yves Gluant arrives wearing the priceless Pink Panther diamond ring and embraces his girlfriend, pop star Xania. After France wins in sudden death, Gluant is killed by a poison dart, with the Pink Panther nowhere to be found. Eager to win the Légion d'honneur, Chief Inspector Charles Dreyfus promotes clumsy policeman and village idiot Jacques Clouseau to the rank of inspector and assigns him to the case. While Clouseau draws the media's attention, Dreyfus assembles a secret team to actually crack the case and assigns Gendarme Gilbert Ponton to keep an eye on Clouseau. Clouseau befriends Ponton and falls in love with secretary Nicole Durant.

Although Clouseau makes little progress in the case, due to his clumsiness, he still discovers that many people hated Gluant and even wanted to kill him. Bizu, a France player who blamed Gluant for "stealing away" Xania, is the prime murder suspect until he is shot in the head in the team's locker room. While gathering information at a casino, Clouseau meets MI6 006 agent Nigel Boswell, who foils a robbery while wearing Clouseau's trench coat; Clouseau mistakenly receives credit (as Nigel wasn't supposed to be around) and is nominated for the Légion d'honneur, angering Dreyfus and ruining his intentions and chances to win the Légion d'honneur. After following Xania to New York City, Ponton insists she is a suspect because Gluant cheated on her, but Clouseau believes she is innocent, though her actions cause him to believe she knows more than she is letting on. The poison that killed Gluant is found to have been derived from Chinese herbs, leading Dreyfus to conclude that the killer is a Chinese envoy named Dr. Pang, whom Gluant had several dealings with. Dreyfus has Clouseau's bag swapped for one full of weapons at the airport, and Clouseau is arrested (primarily due to his inability to say "hamburger" correctly, having attempted to smuggle some onto the flight back) and vilified by the press on his return to France. Dreyfus demotes Clouseau and plots to publicly arrest Dr. Pang at the Presidential Ball, where Xania will perform.

Clouseau sees an article online about his arrest and notices something in the picture that makes him deduce that Gluant and Bizu were killed by the same person. Realizing that Xania will be the killer's next target, Clouseau, Ponton and Nicole hurry to the Élysée Palace and sneak into the Presidential Ball. While Dreyfus errantly arrests Dr. Pang, Clouseau and Ponton save Xania's life by capturing her would-be assassin: Yuri, the France team's trainer. Jealous and feeling overlooked for the team's success, Yuri used his mandated knowledge of Chinese herbs to kill Gluant; he jabbed the dart unseen into Gluant's neck during their celebration, making it look like Gluant had been shot with it. He later killed Bizu, who long suspected that Yuri might try to kill Gluant and attempted to blackmail him, by using his Russian army training to target the player's occipital lobe, and then targeted Xania for ignoring him and dating Gluant. Clouseau reveals that the Pink Panther was not stolen but instead sewn into the lining of Xania's purse; the photograph of Clouseau's arrest showed an X-ray of the purse at airport security. Xania confesses that Gluant gave her the diamond as an engagement ring just before the France-China match, but after his murder, she was worried that the public would assume she was responsible if she came forward with the ring. Clouseau concludes that Xania is the ring's rightful owner, and Yuri is taken into custody.

Clouseau wins the Légion d'honneur which disappoints Dreyfus. Leaving the ceremony, Dreyfus' suit accidentally gets caught in Clouseau's car door, causing Dreyfus to be dragged down the street as an oblivious Clouseau drives away. While visiting a gravely injured Dreyfus in the hospital and accidentally and unintentionally annoying him, Clouseau accidentally releases the brake on Dreyfus' bed, which rolls through the hospital and crashes the irate chief inspector towards a window, throwing him down into the Seine as he screams Clouseau's name, while Clouseau, Ponton, and Nicole watch from inside.

Cast

Steve Martin as Inspector Jacques Clouseau, a bumbling police officer from a small village in France, assigned to bring Yves Gluant's murderer to justice and recover the Pink Panther diamond

Kevin Kline as Chief Inspector Charles Dreyfus, the head of the French police who is obsessed with winning the Medal of Honour, and means to use Clouseau and the Pink Panther case to win it

Jean Reno as Gendarme Gilbert Ponton, a capable police officer who is assigned to report to Dreyfus on Clouseau's actions

Emily Mortimer as Nicole Durant, a secretary and romantic interest of Clouseau

Henry Czerny as Yuri, a Russian trainer for the France national football team

Kristin Chenoweth as Cherie, an American employee of the France national football team
Roger Rees as Raymond Laroque, a wealthy casino owner and friend of Yves Gluant
Beyoncé as Xania, a famous pop star and girlfriend of Gluant
William Abadie as Bizu, a player on the France national football team
Scott Adkins as Jacquard, another player on the France national football team
Philip Goodwin as Deputy Chief Renard
Henri Garcin as President
Jean Dell as Justice Minister Clochard
Anna Katarina as Agent Corbeille
Jason Statham as Yves Gluant (uncredited), the head coach of the France national football team, whose murder and vanishing of his Pink Panther diamond serve as the main conflicts of the plot
Clive Owen as Nigel Boswell/Agent 006 (uncredited), an MI6 secret agent who briefly helps Clouseau
Boris McGiver as Vainqueur (uncredited), the current head coach of the France national football team who takes over after the murder of Gluant

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:PG Brazil:Livre Canada:PG (Alberta/British Columbia/Ontario) Canada:G (Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Quebec) Chile:14 Denmark:7 Finland:K-11 France:Tous publics Germany:6 Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:IIA Hungary:14 Iceland:L India:U Ireland:PG Ireland:12 (Blu-ray) Israel:ALL (self-applied) Italy:T Japan:G Lithuania:N-7 Malaysia:U Mexico:AA Netherlands:MG6 Nigeria:G Norway:7 (TV rating) Norway:11 (2006, cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:PG (self-applied) Poland:12 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Saudi Arabia:G Singapore:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:12 Spain:A (ICAA) Sweden:Btl Switzerland:7 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:7 (canton of Vaud) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:12 (Blu-ray) United States:TV-PG United States:PG (certificate #40805) United States:TV-G (edited)

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Mild

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

None

Frightening & Intense Scenes

None

MPAA Rated PG for occasional crude and suggestive humour and language

