the play by michael frayn

about Werner Heisenberg's 1941 visit to Niels Bohr in Copenhagen

> Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play

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Co-produced by Verein der Förderer und Freunde der Physik an der Universität Hamburg e.V.





Why did he visit? What did they discuss? And where, exactly, did they even walk? The 1941 visit of German nuclear physicist Werner Heisenberg to Nazi-occupied Denmark to meet his former mentor and colleague Niels Bohr, then potentially connected to the Allied nuclear program, has sparked endless debate. Was the intention personal, patriotic, or both? Did politics get in the way of physics or physics in the way of politics?

^{premiere} 16 june 2025

additional shows

18|19|20|21|23|24|26 june

7.30 pm

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special events

Thu, June 19, 6–7 pm | Audimax (Audi 2) Introduction with director and physicist Marlon Hoffmann.

Fri, June 20, 6–7 pm | Audimax (Audi 2) Frayn's COPENHAGEN: A Drama More Timely Than You Might Want Interdisciplinary panel discussion featuring experts from physics, history, philosophy and other disciplines. Hosted by the Verein der Förderer und Freunde der Physik an der Universität Hamburg e.V.

Sat, June 21, after the show | Audimax Post-show Discussion with the Creative Team.