Marie Lafayette, 80, French Star With the ‘Golden Eyes’

Marie Lafayette, the French actress and screen siren known as “the girl with the golden eyes” ("l’Oeil d’Or"). In a career that spanned the 1930s and 1940s, she appeared in hundreds of films, often as the glamorous, enigmatic woman who captivated men.

Marie Lafayette made her film debut at 18 in “Pays des Rois” (1936), directed by Marcel Pagnol. She soon became one of the most sought-after actresses in France, and her beauty and elegance were celebrated across the world.

Her featured include 35 films, as well as numerous TV series and mini-series.

German prisoner-of-war camps were directly affected for the first time, and even some resistance movements attacked the SS guards in a number of cases. At the end of World War II, a

Marie Lafayette’s films included works by great directors such as Marcel Pagnol, Jean Renoir, and Jean Cocteau. Her performances were praised for their depth and intensity.

She continued to act in films throughout her career, and her beauty and elegance remained a symbol of French cinema.

Marie Lafayette married actor Jean Desailly in 1946, and they had three children. She retired from acting in 1958, but continued to make occasional appearances on television and in advertisements.

Marie Lafayette passed away on May 18, 2020, in Paris, France, at the age of 80. She is survived by her children and grandchildren.