

Haut et Court Doc presents



SUCH A RESOUNDING SILENCE

A film by Emmanuelle Béart and Anastasia Mikova



DIRECTORS: EMMANUELLE BÉART & ANASTASIA MIKOVA

PRODUCTION: HAUT ET COURT DOC

LANGUAGE: FRENCH (subtitles available: English, Italian)

LENGHT: 110 MINUTES

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LOGLINE

Through this documentary, Emmanuelle Béart aims to lift the veil on incest. Coming out of her silence, the actress, accompanied by director Anastasia Mikova, confronts her reality with that of others.

SUMMARY

In 2023, **film star Emmanuelle Béart** (*Manon of the Springs*; *Mission: Impossible*) publicly revealed she is an incest survivor. A national reckoning around child sexual abuse was already underway in France after accusations were made against a prominent family when Béart set about lifting the veil of silence around the crime. Choosing both first-person and ensemble documentary voices, Béart creates a powerful platform for fellow fighters to challenge the insidious shame that arises from incest. Along with **co-director Anastasia Mikova**, two other women and a man, Béart points the finger at the laws and social taboos of a country where a child is sexually victimized every three minutes. Reluctant to include her own story at first, Béart powerfully remonstrates: “the silence—which is first imposed by the person who rapes you—this silence makes a terrible noise within you and takes all kinds of forms” in this stirring and personal critique.

This film is the result of two perspectives on the subject of incest. On one side, the perspective of Anastasia Mikova, who has not personally experienced this trauma but was struck by the testimonies of women around the world during her previous film, **Woman**. On the other side, the voice of Emmanuelle Béart, a victim of incest. Driven by her own story, by this still-living wound deep within her, and by the need to understand what happened to her, she wants to create a necessary film, to tell a symbolic and universal story to which other victims might relate.





BIOGRAPHY OF THE DIRECTORS

EMMANUELLE BÉART

Daughter of singer Guy Béart and model Geneviève Galéa, Emmanuelle Béart started her career on screen at the age of 7. She gained celebrity status thanks to her role in Claude Berri's *Manon of the Springs* and subsequently worked with some of the most renowned directors of her era such as Jacques Rivette, André Téchiné, Claude Sautet, Claude Chabrol and Brian de Palma. Her French and international filmography has brought her professional and popular acclaim, yet it has not hindered her commitment to several humanitarian projects that are dear to her. This is her first documentary film.

ANASTASIA MIKOVA

Anastasia Mikova is a journalist and director born in Ukraine. She began her career in print media before moving to television, where she worked as an investigative journalist and produced numerous documentaries. In 2009, she was appointed editor-in-chief of the TV programme ***Earth from Above***, presented by Yann Arthus-Bertrand. She collaborated with him on the documentary project ***Human*** and co-directed the film ***Woman***.

FESTIVALS AND AWARDS

Cinémania, Montréal - 2023

Festival du Film Français de Manille, Philippines - 2023

Fipadoc, France - 2024

Media Award - Enfance Majuscule - France - 2024

Hot Docs - selected in ***"The Changing Face of Europe"***, Canada - 2024

Shanghai TV Festival, Magnolia Awards, China - 2024

Otranto Film Festival, Italia - 2024 - **Honourable Mention Award** - Otranto Film Festival - Italia - 2024

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"Un silence si bruyant", on M6: Emmanuelle Béart's documentary to combat incest "

RTBF - BELGIUM

"Emmanuelle Béart reveals in a documentary that she was a victim of incest"

THE GUARDIAN - UK

"French actor Emmanuelle Béart says she was victim of incest as a child "

THE TIMES - UK

"Emmanuelle Béart says she was victim of incest in new documentary."

BBC - UK

"Emmanuelle Béart: French actress says she was victim of incest "

EL PAIS - SPAIN

"The interpreter co-directs a documentary in which she recounts her experience without identifying her abuser"

THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER - USA

"French Actress Emmanuelle Béart Says She Was Victim of Incest"

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