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NEW 35MM PRINT!

LOVE STREAMS

Director: John Cassavetes
USA 1984 141 minutes
Cast: John Cassavetes, Gena Rowlands



Underrated and impossible to see (except on a French import DVD), John Cassavetes' *LOVE STREAMS*, based on a play by Canadian Ted Allan, reappears in this deluxe new print from Sony Entertainment. Cassavetes, who ushered in the American independent movement with his staggering debut *SHADOWS*, confirms in this, his penultimate film, the unflagging auteurism that made his body of work one of the most unique and unified of post-Fifties cinema. A thematic summation of his twenty-five-year career, *LOVE STREAMS* is a rough and raw examination of love: its limits and falsities, its teetering into delusion, its power to destroy and to set free. Robert Harman, played with remarkable strength by Cassavetes (when Jon Voigt pulled out of the project mere weeks before shooting he was forced into the role, though suffering from the cancer that was to take his life) is a high-rolling, perpetually inebriated romance novelist with wildly unorthodox research methods living up in the Hollywood Hills in a house filled with a bevy of babes and a cross-section of Noah's Ark. Gena Rowlands, preternaturally enthralling, is Sarah Lawson, Robert's loopy sister whose recent divorce (from Seymour Cassel, in a re-casting of *MINNIE AND MOSKOWITZ*) results in her estrangement from her daughter, and a lunacy that is equally tragic and absurd (note the *GREED*-like epic expansion of her hair). The depths of desperation are mined and contrasted through Robert's ambivalence towards love and Sarah's embarrassingly juvenile surfeit of affection. The performances are so naked that their fragility cuts through the film's fiction, making *LOVE STREAMS* "a movie that gets better with every viewing" (Dennis Lim, *The Village Voice*). Not to be missed.

- **Andréa Picard**

Thursday, June 15 8:45 p.m.

Friday, June 16 8:45 p.m.

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