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JOURNEYS FROM BERLIN/1971

Director: Yvonne Rainer USA 1980 125 minutes Cast: Annette Michelson

"JOURNEYS FROM BERLIN / 1971 is without a doubt the most ambitious, most risk-taking work of Rainer's cinematic career" (B. Ruby Rich, *The Films of Yvonne Rainer*). Now considered a classic, JOURNEYS investigates the relationship between political violence and personal trauma. Described by Rainer as "a semi-quasi-narrative (a perpetually retreating narrative that sits on its own tale)," JOURNEYS interweaves a woman's psychoanalytic session with several other visual and audio elements, including a conversation on terrorism, scenes of Stonehenge and German streets, and readings from an adolescent girl's diaries. The psychoanalytic session is the only element in which sound and picture are synchronous, which gives it a dominant position in the film. The analysand is played by Annette Michelson, and the analyst is played alternately by a woman, a man, and a boy. "In her cultivated George Sanders drawl, Michelson delivers a wonderfully dense monologue . . . a hilarious cascade of *non sequiturs* that suggests Zippy the Pinhead with a Ph.D." (J. Hoberman, *The Village Voice*).

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