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LUMIÈRE & COMPANY

(France) 1995

In English and w/English s.t.

35mm, Color and B&W, 88 mins

Film Rental: \$250

VHS purchase: \$195

To celebrate the Centennial of Cinema in 1995, forty contemporary filmmakers were asked to make a one minute film using a replica of the Lumière Brothers' original motion picture camera, the cinematographe. The result is a declaration of love for the cinema from world class auteurs including John BOORMAN, Constantine COSTA-GAVRAS, Lasse HALLSTRÖM, Peter GREENAWAY, James IVORY, Ismael MERCHANT, Spike LEE, Claude LELOUCH, David LYNCH, Liv ULLMANN, Wim WENDERS and ZHANG Yimou. Using a restored cinematographe, each director adds his or her own signature style to the film. Sandwiched between these exciting eclectic shorts are intriguing interviews with each filmmaker. LUMIÈRE AND COMPANY speaks for the passion, beauty, and visionary dream of this hundred year old art form.

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"A fascinating, loving tribute to the hauntingly primitive days of cinema."

– Everett Herald

"The films all look magical."

– Seattle Post Intelligencer

"David Lynch's Ingenious showstopper plays like a cross between CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON and INTOLERANCE."

– Variety

"A must see!"

– Seattle Stranger