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USA 1980, Dir: Agnes Varda. Prod: Cine-Tamaris. Photo: Bernard Auroux. 81 mins.

A fascinating documentary on the murals of Los Angeles. Agnes Varda examines the rich variety of imagery on these walls from the "Farmer John" pig murals of 1947 to the latest colossal hyper-realist paintings. The walls expose the diversity and anxiety of a magic and contradictory city — the capital of cinema — made for cars and alienated people. Many of the painters are interviewed, explaining the cultural origins of the imagery of their work.

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