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Arseny Tarkovsky Eternal Presence

Russia, 2003

world premiere



Documentary about the life of the Russian poet Arseny Tarkovsky, father of master film maker Andrei. Director Amirkhanian documented Arseny Tarkovsky's last years as well as Russia in the 20th century.

Poetic documentary about the prominent Russian poet Arseny Tarkovsky (1907?1989), father of director Andrei Tarkovsky. Arseny Tarkovsky translated countless poems from Georgian, Arabic, Armenian, Kyrgyz, Polish etc., but many of his own poems were also translated into other languages. The maker of the documentary, Viatcheslav Amirkhanian, cared for Arseny Tarkovsky in the last years of the poet's life, shot many hours of film in that period, took countless photographs and, years later, he combined this with other material to form this documentary. Tarkovsky Sr, who was admired by colleagues such as Joseph Brodsky, Anna Achmatova and Marina Cvetaeva, was never published during the Stalin era, even though he had lost a leg as a soldier at the front. His first book (Before the Snow) only appeared in 1962 during the thaw under Khrushchov. For Amirkhanian, this film is about how to be yourself: as far as he is concerned, the life of Arseny Tarkovsky is a lesson in loyalty and determination. At the same time, through the protagonist, the film provides a picture of the 20th century in Russia that ended, as we know, in 1990, a year after the poet's death.

director: Viatcheslav Amirkhanian
produced by: Sharunas Bartas, Studio Kinema
distributed by: Filmmuseum Distributie
cast: Arseny Tarkovsky
camera: Viatcheslav Amirkhanian
length: 95'
language: rus
subtitles: english
medium: 35mm

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28 jan 10:00
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