



A FILM BY MAURIZIUS STAERKLE DRUX

# THE ART OF SILENCE

WITH LOUIS CHEVALIER, DANIEL LOINGER, GEORGES LOINGER, AURELIA MARICÉAU, CAMILLE MARICÉAU, ROB MERMIN, ANNE SICCO, CHRISTOPH STAERKLE. DIRECTED BY MAURIZIUS STAERKLE DRUX. CINEMATOGRAPHER RAPHAEL BEINDER. EDITOR TANJA STÜCKLIN. PRODUCED BY ALINE SCHMID, ADRIAN BLASER, CARL-LUDWIG RETTINGER. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS NILS FRÄHM, JULIAN SARTORIUS. SOUNDS MAURIZIUS STAERKLE DRUX, MELIA ROGER, DENIS SECHAUD. GRADING FABIAN KIMOTO. SUPPORT BY BUNDESAMT FÜR KULTUR (BAK), CINEFORUM, LOTERIE ROMANDE, ZÜRCHER FILMSTIFTUNG, KULTURFONDS SUISSIMAGE, AARGAUER KURATORIUM, MEDIA DESK SUISSE, UBS KULTURSTIFTUNG, SWISS FILMS, FILM- UND MEDIENSTIFTUNG NRW, DEUTSCHER FILMFÖRDERFONDS DFFF, A BEAUVOIR, LICHTBLICK, ENSEMBLE, SRF, SRG, SSR, ZDF ARTE PRODUCTION



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100th

anniversary in 2023:  
Marcel Marceau  
was born on  
March 22, 1923

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## THE ART OF SILENCE

With his gestures and facial expressions alone, the mime Marcel Marceau captured audiences around the globe for decades. But the tragic background behind his work has remained hidden for a long time. **THE ART OF SILENCE** sheds new light on his life and unique art form, which his family and companions keep alive to this day.

**Directors Note:** I grew up with a deaf father. From an early age, my visual attention was greatly nurtured, because my life sometimes resembled a silent movie. I myself am not deaf, I can hear, and at an early age, I started creating music. Even as an adult, I am still trying to figure out what images best express my wishes, my fears and my queries, so that a deaf person can understand them. Perhaps for these very reasons, I chose filmmaking, a synthesis of image and sound.

With **THE ART OF SILENCE**, I reflect a part of my own life story. In doing so, I go beyond what is hidden behind Bip's, alias Marceau's white mask. The idea is to depict his work from within a contemporary perspective. Where does his artistic legacy stand and how are his descendants dealing with it? During the making of this film, I spent time with the Marceau family, but also with friends and companions who have carried on Marceau's art form in their own way. In the process, I realized one thing they have in common: they all draw their art from silence. And the strength to use it to change their lives.

„An uplifting and resonating work,  
**THE ART OF SILENCE** is a fitting celebration of an artist  
who could bring joy and meaning to the lives of many  
around the globe without saying a word.“

Courtney Small, POV Magazine



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