MATING SEASON

DIRECTOR
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DURATION
72:00

YEAR
2005

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
French

CATEGORY
Documentary



DESCRIPTION
Now living in all four corners of Quebec, the Caissy and Landry families still gather every year for their annual hunting get-together in the Gaspésie region. *La Saison des amours* (*Mating Season)* is a portrait of men and women in their fifties through the lens of a closely calibrated hunting ritual. Over the course of a few weeks, we catch a tender glimpse of the ties that bind these men and women, set against the very masculine backdrop of a moose hunt.

SOUND
Stereo

SHOOTING FORMAT
Betacam SP

FURTHER INFORMATION

Filmmaker's statement:
I was the first person to be surprised at my involvement in this adventure. Since a very early age I have hated everything to do with hunting. Long hours in a pick-up truck travelling muddy back roads, days spent in the cold and wet, interminable discussions amongst hunters listening to country music. I have never understood what makes hunters hunt, and much less what made my father take me along with him. This project came about a few years ago when I was visiting my parents in the Gaspé region after spending two years in Europe. Despite myself, my visit coincided with the moose-hunting season. My father insisted once again on taking me along on the hunt, and once again I agreed to make him happy. My previous visit to the area had been long before I studied photography, when I was still a teenager.

KEYWORDS
Ritual, Hunting, Season, Animal, Sharing, Time

THEMES
Environment
Family