

G COMME GÉNÉRATIONS

DIRECTOR

Jean Chabot

DURATION

3:00

YEAR

1999

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

French

CATEGORY

Documentary

Video Art

SERIE

Un abécédaire

**DESCRIPTION**

"Often in my dreams at night, I return to the boarding school, the seminary, where I spent most of my teenage years, confined by the surveillance of priests from a religious community that has practically vanished..."

FURTHER INFORMATION

Initiated by Vidéographe, *G comme Générations* was made as part of the group project "Un abécédaire", on which 28 artists collaborated.

Commentary by Claire Valade, Film critic from Quebec :

With this wonderful little film, one of our best documentary makers, the late Jean Chabot, proved that you don't need to be complex to be eloquent and thought-provoking while making a powerful statement. With remarkably modest means and admirable simplicity, Chabot expresses the irresistible pull of memories. All he needs is calm, evocative narration and a single shot—a three-minute travelling shot of the walls of a boarding school combining the subdued, angular architecture of new buildings with the classical architecture and religious iconography of the older wings—to build a bridge between past and present, while discussing a subject at once personal and universal.

KEYWORDS

Memory, Clergy, Discipline, Dream, Confinement, Hope

THEMES

Art and culture

Identity

Socio-politics

Environment

History

Society