LE RÉCIT D'A

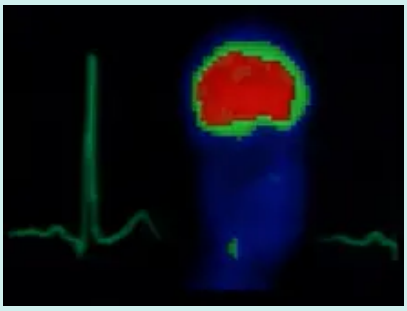
DIRECTOR
Esther Valiquette

DURATION
19:30

YEAR
1990

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
English
French

CATEGORY
Documentary



DESCRIPTION
Le Récit d'A is a video work composed of a series of interconnected tales that unfold within parallel universes, reflecting one another without ever meeting. Through the story of Andrew, elements of travelogue, and the reflections of Edmond Jabès, the work weaves together autobiographical traces, Super 8 footage, and scanned images to explore broader landscapes of memory, identity, and existential experience. Reflecting on the deserts of Jabès, the 1990s, and a generation marked by the AIDS crisis, the video examines shifts in consciousness and the possibilities that emerge from loss and transformation.

SOUND
Stereo

FURTHER INFORMATION

Commentary by Nicole Gingras, Curator

A diary, a travelogue, confidences : this video sketches the portrait of a discreet relationship between a man and a woman. There is the terse narrative of an HIV-positive man, a landscape slowly engulfed by the shadow of fatal sickness and the fragile fates of two beings. At the very end, we understand, despite the videomaker's consummate discretion, that Andrew's story is also Esther Valiquette's. Punctuated by quotations from Susan Sontag and Edmond Jabès, this video is also a poetic rumination on the desert.

KEYWORDS
Essay, Narrative, AIDS, Desert, Poetry

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