

LA BLANCHISSEUSE

DIRECTOR

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DURATION

10:44

YEAR

1993

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

English (text on-screen)

No dialogue

CATEGORY

Video Art

**DESCRIPTION**

La Blanchisseuse is an experimental video exploring the existing tendency of women to take greater responsibility for domestic work, and the significance of this tendency in terms of women's capacity to develop in other areas. The images of a woman ironing pay homage to paintings of laundresses by artists such as Edgar Degas, Honoré Daumier, Edouard Manet, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Edward Stott and others. Texts borrowed from Denise Levertov, Adrienne Rich and Virginia Woolf allude to the strong "pull" for a woman to provide nurturing care to others and to the sense of betrayal and rejection that can be the reward for providing such care.

IMAGE FORMAT

4:3

SOUND

Stereo

KEYWORDS

Woman, Poetry, Clothes, Task, Role

THEMES

Art and culture

Identity

Society