

MATING SEASON

DIRECTOR

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DURATION

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YEAR

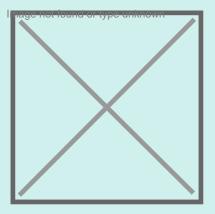
2005

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 gettogether 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