

Hadewijch

Director/Writer Bruno Dumont

France, 2009. 105 min.

French with English subtitles



Named after a thirteenth-century mystic, **Hadewijch** presents the spiritual journey of Céline (Julie Sokolowski), a young novice nun who is expelled because of her overzealous faith, and sent back into the world by the mother superior. As she returns to live with her parents in their sumptuous Parisian apartment, Hadewijch once again becomes Céline, the daughter of a French minister. Here she meets Yassine, an Arab boy who introduces her to the lights of Paris, and the *cités* (the Arab and African immigrant housing projects). Céline's passionate love of God, her rage, her unease with her haute-bourgeois parents, and her encounter with the volatile Yassine and more importantly his brother Nassir, a devout Muslim, leads her between grace and madness, further off along dangerous paths.

From the director of L'Humanité, Flanders, and Twentynine Palms.

Toronto Film Festival: World Premiere

London Film Festival 2009: UK Premiere

Theatrical Release 2010

'Magnificent... an entirely hypnotic study of the possibilities and consequences that arise from an absolute belief in the love of God...Remarkable...Beautifully conceived and rigorously developed, *Hadewijch* speaks to the present with care and insight.'

Piers Handling, Toronto Film Festival

'A remarkable, audacious film...tantalising and provocative...a multi-layered dialogue between city and country, faith and fanaticism, Catholicism and Islam, the wordly and the metaphysical – all with an economical mastery of film language, and with a rivetingly opaque central performance from newcomer Sokolowski, whose Celine is variously child, saint, ingénue and enigma'

Jonathan Romney, London Film Festival Catalogue

'Hadewijch is a movie on a quest: At once a sincere theological inquiry and a provocative political meditation.'

New York Film Festival Catalogue

'Dumont draws an amazing performance out of Sokolowski in particular.'

Dan Fainaru, Screen International

'...exquisitely molded, dramatically parched and entirely sincere...'

Justin Chang, Variety

CREW

Screenplay : Bruno Dumont
Dir of photography : Yves Cape
Sound : Philippe Lecoeur &
Emmanuel Crozet
Editing : Guy Lecorne
Costumes : Annie Morel-Paris &
Alexandra Charles
Set : Jean Marc Tan Tan Ba
Jean Brehat, Rachid
Producer : Bouchareb & Muriel
Merlin
Production company : 3B PRODUCTIONS
ARTE France CINEMA –
CRRRAV Nord Pas de
Calais – LE FRESNOY-
ZDF – ARTE –
Herbstfilms Produktion
Co-production
company : In association with
Cofinova 5 With the
support of C.N.C. ,
Région Ile-de-France,
Région Nord-Pas de
Calais

CAST

Hadewijch:Julie Sokolowski
Nassir:Karl Sarafidis
Yassine:Yassine Salime
David:David Dewaele