

SILENCE

Directed by Pat Collins

Ireland, 84 min., Dolby SRD



**BFI London Film Festival
Dublin Critics Circle 'Michael Dwyer Discovery Award' 2012.**

Eoghan is a sound recordist who is returning to Ireland for the first time in 15 years, for a job capturing noises in areas free from man-made sound. His quest takes him to remote terrain, away from towns and villages. Throughout his journey, he is drawn into a series of encounters and conversations which gradually divert his attention towards a more intangible silence, bound up with the sounds of the life he had left behind. Influenced by elements of folklore and archive, *Silence* unfolds with a quiet intensity, where poetic images reveal an absorbing meditation on themes relating to sound and silence, history, memory and exile.

'an absorbing experience'

Michael Hayden, London Film Festival

'The symphonic quality to the cinematography, together with the quality of Mac Giolla Bhríde's turn in the central role, results in a spectacle that will resonate with those who appreciate quality cinema. *Silence* is a deeply personal story, but it's loaded with a poignant universal resonance – it's a silence that can be said to speak volumes.'

Sunday Independent

'Pat Collins, an unclassifiable Irish talent, returns with another starkly beautiful, deliberately confounding quasi-documentary. Close your eyes after a first viewing and you will recall widescreen shots of lapping seas, big skies and sprawling wetlands.'

Donald Clarke, *Irish Times*

CAST

Hilary O'Shaughnessy
Andrew Bennett
Jens K. Müller
Patrick O'Connor
Michael Harding
Tommy Fahy
Tim Robinson
Peter Lacey
Marie Coyne
Jordan Shiels
Paul Rodgers

CREW

Director Pat Collins
Producer Tina Moran
Written by Pat Collins Eoghan Mac Giolla
Bhríde Sharon Whooley
Editor Tadhg O'Sullivan
Director Of Photography Richard Kendrick
Sound John Brennan Éamon Little
Production Manager (Berlin) Donogh
McCabe
Set Design Brien Vahey Owen Mac
Carthaigh (Glenveagh)
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