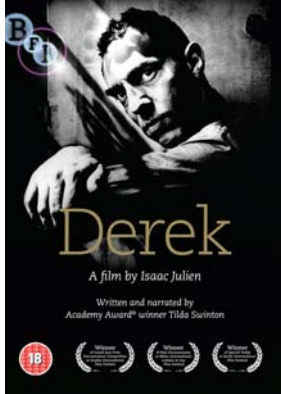


DVD press release



Derek

A film by Isaac Julien

Written and narrated by Tilda Swinton

Painter, author, gay militant, aids activist and, above all, filmmaker, Derek Jarman was one of Britain's best-loved and most original artists who touched the lives of everyone he met. *Derek* is a glorious, yet fitting, remembrance of one of independent film's greatest treasures.

Derek was lovingly crafted by artist filmmaker Isaac Julien, who assembled a moving collage of rare home movies, film clips and interviews, as well as a cinematic love letter from Academy Award® winner Tilda Swinton written a decade after Jarman's death.

The film tells the story of Jarman's life and chronicles everyday England from the 1960s to the early 1990s. It also includes clips of Jarman's feature-length and Super-8 films. Swinton's letter serves as the poetic overlay, telling the truth about the life Jarman led and the cultural abyss left by his absence.

Derek has won the following international awards: Grand Jury Prize, Documentary Competition, Seattle International Film Festival; Best Documentary, Milan International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival and Special Teddy, Berlin International Film Festival

Special features

- Filmed introduction by Producer Colin MacCabe (2008, 5 mins)
- The Extended Derek Jarman interview (1991, 69 mins)
- New filmed interview with Isaac Julien (2008, 20 mins)
- Three Super-8mm short films by Derek Jarman: *Pirate Tape* (W.S. Burroughs Film) (1982, 16 mins); *TG: Psychic Rally in Heaven* (1981, 8 mins); *Sloane Square: A Room of One's Own* (1974-6, 9 mins)
- *The Attendant* (Isaac Julien, 1993, 8 mins)
- *The Clearing* (Alexis Bistikas, 1994, 7 mins)
- *Ostia* (Julian Cole, 1987, 26 mins): short film about Pasolini starring Jarman, with optional director's commentary
- Derek Jarman paintings gallery
- Illustrated booklet with essays by Isaac Julien and B. Ruby Rich; Ossian Ward on Jarman's paintings; film notes and biographies

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UK / 2008 / colour / 76 mins + 170 mins extra material / original aspect ratio 1.78:1 (16x9)

Optional subtitles for the hearing-impaired

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