Artist of Resistance

Documentary HD

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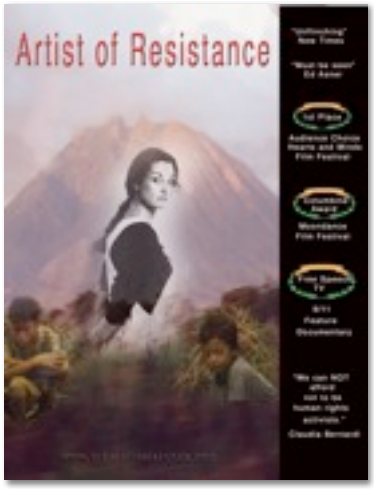

"Resist. Resist madness."

Set in the jungle of El Salvador, this story of an Argentine/USA artist and an El Salvadorian mother speaks to the presence of courage and spirit in the midst of cultural repression.

Artist Claudia Bernardi takes a journey into the guerrilla territory of El Salvador to participate in the excavation of a mass grave. There she meets Rufina Amaya Marquez, the only survivor of the massacre.

Slowly the bones of 131 children whose average age is 6 years old are uncovered. Armed with paints and brushes, Claudia Bernardi ignites the surviving children to create art.

"A beautiful, poetic documentary of great value." Ed Asner

The Civil War has just ended. The country is gasping for air after 12 years of executions, torture, massacres, burning homes, burning farms, hiding in fear, starvation.

The peace accords have just been signed and the United Nations Truth Commission brought in.

The documentary follows the United Nations inquiry into the El Mozote massacre through the eyes, words, and work of Berkeley-based Argentinian artist Claudia Bernardi.

The people of El Salvador find out that Claudia is an artist and ask her to paint a mural with the surviving children who inherited this atrocity.

Claudia and her band of small muralists counter brutality with beauty, and create a powerful global statement against violence and repression.

The documentary was shot on 16 mm film, on location in El Salvador.

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