

La classe de madame Lise

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French with English subtitles



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Their names are Rafik, Solace, Rahat, Jessica and Adonay. They are six years old. They live in Park-Extension, a multi-ethnic neighborhood in the heart of Montréal and they are pupils in Madame Lise's grade-one class.

For one entire school year, director Sylvie Groulx observed these students as they learned from and interacted with each other. She witnessed the patient work of a primary teacher facing the new reality of modern urban life: children of diverse ethnic origins with major cultural differences struggling to learn French, a language not heard at home.

La classe de madame Lise uncovers the goodwill of a group of disparate students whose friendships surpass their differences, their knowing smiles, their sulkiness and mocking devoid of malice. This film is also a portrait of Lise Coupal, their warm and attentive, tolerant yet firm teacher who is overjoyed when she discovers unknown potential in a timid boy.

La classe de madame Lise goes beyond the classroom to inspire genuine confidence in the future.

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