LE SILENCE DE LAWRENCE

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DURATION
71:00

YEAR
2017

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE
French

CATEGORY
Documentary



DESCRIPTION
Le Silence de Lawrence is a documentary about the writer-composer-performer that was Lawrence Lepage. This virtuoso guitarist accompanied a number of artists in the 1960s and made his mark in Quebec nightclubs alongside the likes of Vigneault, Léveillé, Lecor, and Lévesque. He was lost in the big city and was among the first to tell of the deprivation of the regions. His writings evoked the Bas-du-Fleuve region with larger-than-life characters who personified the working class areas of Eastern Quebec that he represented; Mon vieux François, Monsieur Marcoux Labonté, Sol indien, Job le Beatnik, La drave. Poet, troubadour, storyteller, he decided to quietly abandon his career in the city and return to his home, Nazareth in Rimouski, the land of his songs. The reasons for his decision would remain a mystery to all.

Still feeling full of life and inspired, Lepage courageously returned to the stage after a 35-year absence; however, he later died quietly in December 2012 at the age of 81. This documentary attempts to sketch a portrait of this complex character and seeks to understand the reasons that pushed the poet to choose exile in the forest over the spotlight.

SHOOTING FORMAT
HD

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Song, music, Québec, artists

THEMES
Art and culture
Private life