

CHRIS MARKER'S EPIC FILM FINALLY ON DVD – AN EVENT!



A GRIN WITHOUT A CAT (its title refers to Lewis Carroll's Cheshire Cat) is Marker's magnum opus: a three-hour overview of the worldwide political upheavals during the Sixties and Seventies. It was originally produced in 1977 and then updated in 1993, following the demise of the Soviet Union.

Marker interweaves footage from the Vietnam War and the antiwar protests in the U.S., May '68 in Paris, the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, Salvador Allende and the coup in Chile, Che Guevara and Regis Debray in Bolivia, the Shah of Iran, Fidel Castro, et alia.

Official images, film clips, news coverage trims and neglected reels comprise the basic materials of this major fresco, which concludes with the following credit: "The true authors of this film are the countless cameramen, technical operators, witnesses and activists whose work is constantly pitted against that of governments, who would like us to have no memory."

**"If ever there was a filmmaker to come up
with a Theory of Everything, it's Marker."**

—Derek Malcolm, Time Out

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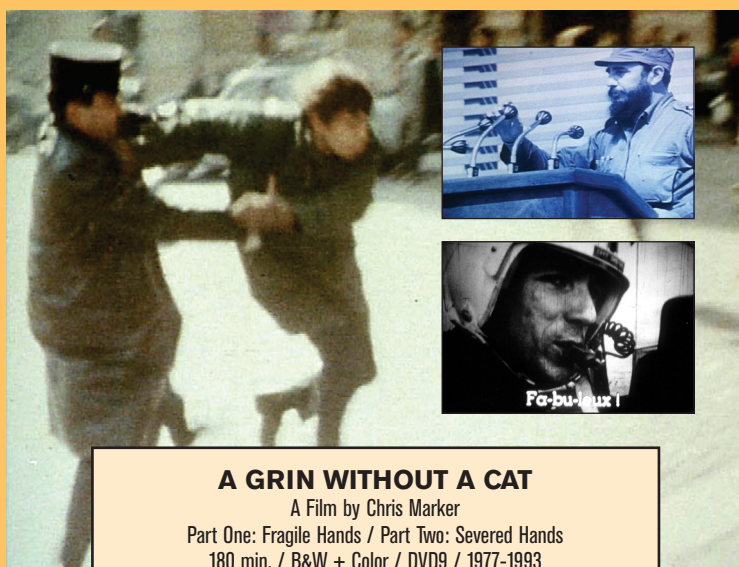
★★★★★ "Towering and extraordinary!
Staggering in its depth and scope...
An event of major importance."
—Phil Hall, Film Threat

"A work of extraordinary journalism,
but also a work of deft and subtle poetry."
—Dave Kehr, The New York Times

"Playful enough in form to make you smile
sometimes at the tricks of history."
—Stuart Klawans, The Nation

★★★ "Monumental!
Fierce, glaring and unforgettable!"
—John Anderson, Newsday

"The documentary form elevated to
its greatest heights: it is art and advocacy,
memory and history."
—Elbert Ventura, popmatters.com



A GRIN WITHOUT A CAT

A Film by Chris Marker

Part One: Fragile Hands / Part Two: Severed Hands

180 min. / B&W + Color / DVD9 / 1977-1993

3 Audio tracks: English, French & German (with partial subtitles)

2 Subtitle versions: Spanish & Portuguese (over French audio)

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With the voices of Jim Broadbent, Cyril Cusack,
Robert Kramer, François Maspero, Yves Montand,
François Perrier, Jorge Semprun and Simone Signoret.

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