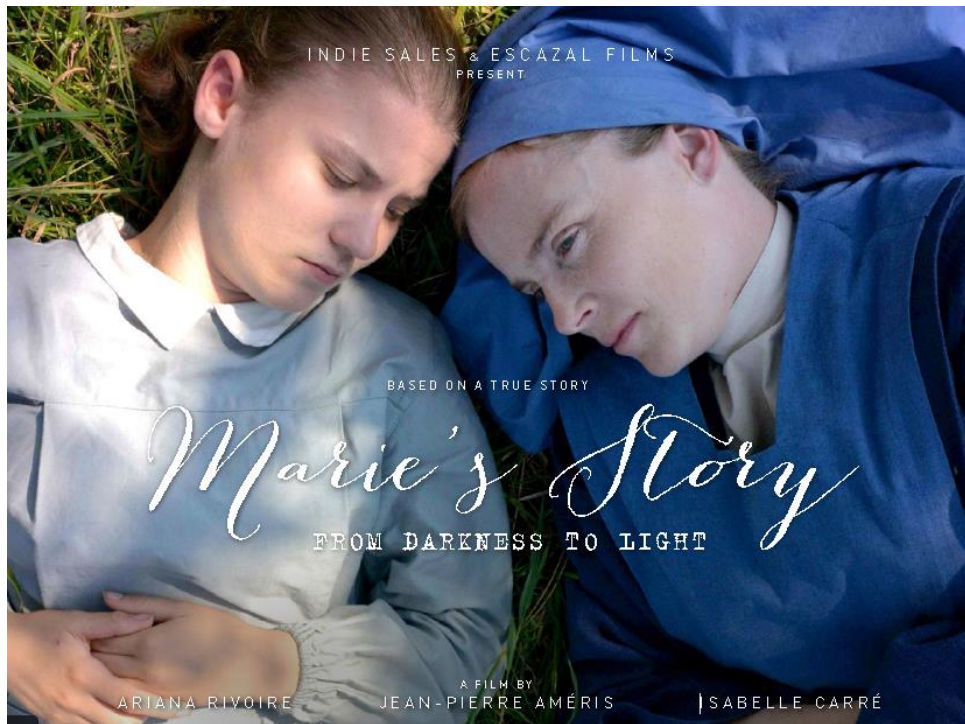


FILM REVIEW



Marie's Story. From Darkness to Light.
A film by Jean-Pierre Améris.
Reviewed by Jacques Souriau

'Marie's Story', a new film by Jean-Pierre Améris is being distributed in 25 countries. It tells the story of Marie Heurtin, born deaf and blind in 1885 in western France. At the age of ten, she was sent to a school for the deaf, Larnay, where a nun, Sister Marguerite, committed herself to helping her communicate, using tactile sign language first and then finger-spelling and writing. The film describes how Marie and her teacher strove to build up trust and explore means of communication that would work with the special conditions of deafblindness. Along with Helen Keller, Anna Timmerman, Ragnhild Kåta, and some others, Marie Heurtin is one of the few heroes who proved that people with deafblindness are able to develop and communicate.

The film was very well received in France by professionals working with the deafblind, their families and the deaf community, because of its relevance and also for the quality of

interpretation, with Isabelle Carré as Sister Marguerite and Ariana Rivoire (a deaf actress) as Marie Heurtin.

The film will be in cinemas from spring 2015 in Germany, Australia, France, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Brazil, Central America, Korea, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Portugal and the United States.

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