



SPRING
&
ARNAUD

ART

LOVE

MORTALITY

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“Cinematically gorgeous...”
“a breathtakingly tender and intelligent
love story”

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SYNOPSIS

Art, love, and mortality explored through the lives and work
of artists Spring Hurlbut and Arnaud Maggs.

Arnaud Maggs, turning 85, embarks on a series of self-portraits that wryly depict his life's work. Spring Hurlbut, at 60 is creating haunting works that evoke mortality while harboring the certainty that Arnaud's time is limited. Together and alone, each grapples with the nature of an artist's creativity where the drive for invention and discovery resists life's finite reality.

The film immerses the viewer in a world where art and life are indivisible and where the couple's devotion to each other is

matched only by their dedication to their own work. The camera captures the visually rich and precise world of these strong individuals; the texture of their surroundings; the humor of their interaction and their struggles to bring their ideas to life. The urban feel of the studio and gallery is seen in counterpoint to the artists' bucolic retreat in the south of France. It is a world shaped by the artists' commitment to distill what is most meaningful from life to create an enduring trace of their existence.

Arnaud Maggs (1927-2012) was an artist of “rigor, crystal clear vision, humor, and humbling sense of awe for singular moments and the connections between them.” He was the recipient of the Scotia Bank Photography Award in 2012. **Spring Hurlbut** examines themes of life and death. Her work speaks about both mortality and the desire for transcendence. Her “Airborne” video was acquired and shown at The National Gallery of Canada in 2010/2011.

“Spring & Arnaud” is Site Media's fifth film portrait of artists and their creative process. Other films include: Annie Pootoogook (2006), Pretend Not To See Me (2010), Kinngait: Riding Light Into The World (2010) and KOOP (2011).

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