

M de Mafra

by Virpi Pahkinen

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The film was shot at the Palácio Nacional de Mafra library in Portugal

Choreography and dance Virpi Pahkinen

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Original music Gunnar Idenstam

Editing Stefan Sundlöf

Costume Helene Thorsell

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Kort synopsis

En gåtfull dansare glider över marmorgolvet på biblioteket i Mafra. Ömsom i kamp mot osynliga fiender, ömsom vilandes i bläckets tystnad, är hon en magisk väktare över de gamla volymerna. När de tunga orgelackorden öppnas i de starka middagsljuset, gör hon ett gudomligt tecken, solens sigill, och kunskaperna samlas i en handrörelse - evigheten var här!

Short synopsis

A mysterious dancer glides across the marble floor of the library in Mafra. At times fighting invisible enemies, at others resting in the silence of print, she is a magical guardian of the ancient volumes. As the strong light of noon releases the heavy chords of an organ, she makes a divine gesture - the seal of the sun - and knowledge is gathered in the movement of a hand. Eternity was here!

Virpi Pahkinen has been
succesfully touring the world in
her dual role as choreographer
and solo dancer. Her solos have
met critical acclaim in over 35
countries including Australia,
Mexico, South Africa and
Lebanon.