

A documentary roadmovie

Two swedish guys driving around Spain searching for the historical verdict over Hitler's and Mussolini's old companion Franco.

A roadmovie in rental cars featuring Olof Palme, the world's biggest cross and a woman determined to put her family history in order.

September 1975. Franco had signed his last death sentences. In Sweden an 8 year old boy took part in his first ever demonstration. On TV he had heard prime minister Olof Palme calling the Franco regime "Satan's murderers" and predicting that "the historical verdict will be terribly harsh". He got obsessed with Spain, Franco and the civil war.

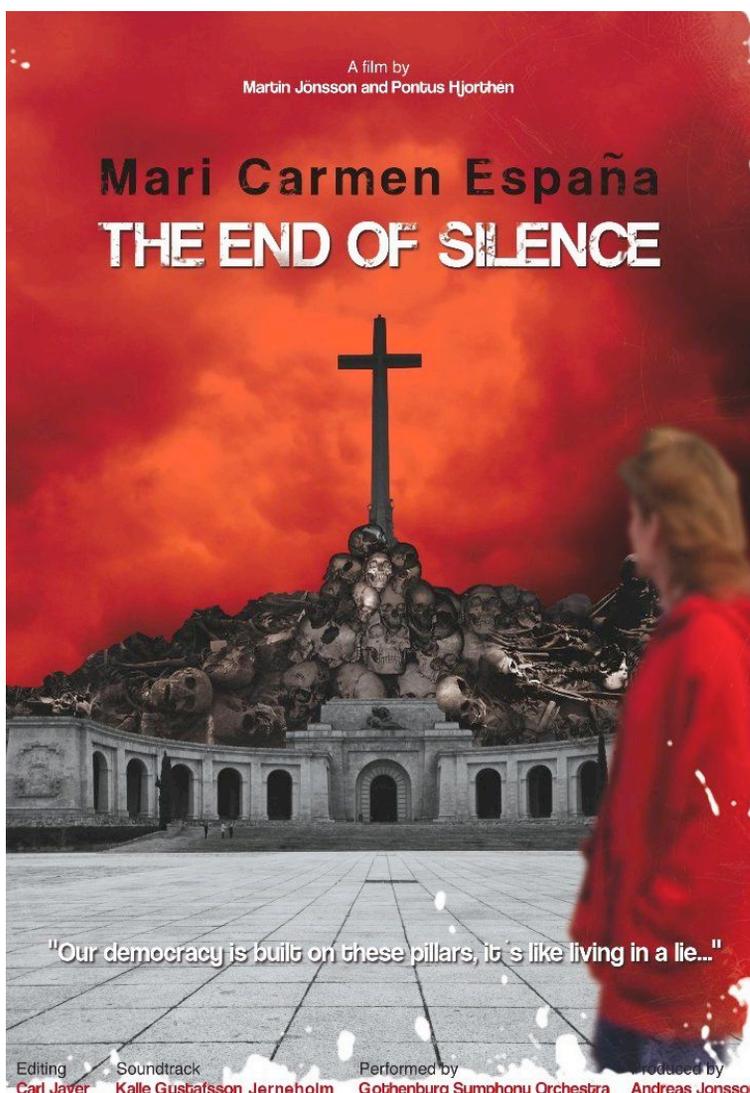
In MARI CARMEN ESPAÑA - THE END OF SILENCE that boy and his friend travel around Spain 30 years later, trying to understand the trauma of a country they love. They ask questions about a past that was swept under the carpet by a pact of silence.

In the south they meet Mari Carmen España. She has taken the historical verdict into her own hands, refusing to accept that her murdered grandfather lies in an unmarked mass grave under a pile of garbage. Affected by her indefatigable struggle against reluctant authorities, they end up trying to help, in her fight for justification and a dignified funeral for her grandfather

They find the instigator of the mass murder buried beneath the world's biggest Cross, in the heart of Spain. A monumental symbol of christianity, but also the largest fascist monument the world has ever seen.

MARI CARMEN ESPAÑA - THE END OF SILENCE is a documentary roadmovie in rental cars. Knocking on doors of monks, mayors and common people, this quest for the harsh historical verdict, that Palme predicted, crosses the entire country.

MARI CARMEN ESPAÑA - THE END OF SILENCE is the story of what happens when a country tries to amputate its past. Confronting politicians from both left and right, as well as the Catholic church, the travelling Swedes finally get questioned themselves.



"Get down from your high horses, mr Swede."
Don Anselmo, abbot at the monastery by Franco's grave

* Original title	Mari Carmen España - Tystnadens slut
* English title	Mari Carmen España - The End of Silence
* Spanish title	Mari Carmen España - Final del Silencio
* Directors	Martin Jönsson and Pontus Hjorthén
* Producers	Andreas Jonsson and Robert Danielsson
* Photo	Martin Jönsson and Pontus Hjorthén
* Script	Martin Jönsson and Pontus Hjorthén
* Editing	Carl Javér
* Music	Kalle Gustafsson
* Sound	Martin Janson
* Languages	Spanish, Swedish and English
* Shooting country	Spain
* TV-version	58 min.
* Cinema version	75 min
* Screening format:	DigiBeta
* Shooting format:	DVCam
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