



DIDI CONTRACTOR - MARRYING THE EARTH TO THE BUILDING

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SYNOPSIS

For the past two decades Didi Contractor has been passionately implementing her architectural visions in North West of India, at the foot hills of the Himalaya, combining rural traditions with modern requirements. This documentary introduces us to her creations - houses built from clay, bamboo, slate and river stone, constructed in tribute to their natural surroundings.

At the age of 86, Didi Contractor pursues her vision working day and night - dreaming her designs then designing her dreams. She sketches roughly, then proportions with pinpoint accuracy - the blueprints for economically and ecologically sustainable, bright and well-ventilated buildings.

We meet people who live in the visions realized by Didi Contractor and share in their enthusiasm to carry forward her fascinating ideas. Students from all over the world come to learn traditional building practices and find out how architecture can become a part of the ecosystem.

FESTIVALS

2016

Dharamshala International Film Festival, India

2017

11th International Film Festival on Art & Artists / Focus: Architecture, Bhubaneswar

10. LICHTER Filmfest Frankfurt International

SILVER AWARD in the category „Health and living environment,, - Deauville Green Awards

CayFilm - Cayman Islands International Film Festival

Fünf Seen Festival

AFFR - Architecture Film Festival - „film • city • architecture,,

BIFED - Bozcaada International Festival of Ecological Documentary

Kasseler Dokumentarfilm- und Videofest

ALIIF - All Lights India International Film Festival

36e Festival International du Film sur l'Art / International

Germany, Switzerland 2016
81 min

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Ecology/Environment

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