



# JONAS IN THE DESERT

by Peter Sempel (SUNMUSICFILM.COM)



## SYNOPSIS

Not a documentary in the strictest sense of the word. Rather, it is a journey through the world of the artist Jonas Mekas - one of the exponents of independent U.S. movies; founder and director of the New York Anthology Film Archive.

Peter Sempel, known for *Dandy* and *Just Visiting This Planet* (shown at the 13th and 15th Mostra Film Festival respectively), has chosen underground director, poet, and intellectual Jonas Mekas for subject of his most recent documentary *Jonas in the Desert*.

In fact, Mekas had already taken part in *Just Visiting This Planet* singing a gipsy aria. Like Sempel's former work, *Jonas in the Desert* is not a documentary in the strictest sense of the word. Rather, it is a journey through the world of the artist - one of the exponents of independent U.S. movies; founder and director of the New York Anthology Film Archive - and captures his ideas, his creativity, and art.

In this way, he shows much of Mekas' personality and of his creative universe. Sempel brings...

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Peter Sempel (SUNMUSICFILM.COM) .

PROTAGONIST Jonas Mekas

1994

104 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Arts/Culture

### CONTENT CATEGORIES

Series

### PREMIERE

Germany (1994)

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### LINKS / REFERENCE

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