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INSIDE THE FAMED CARTHUSIAN MONASTERY

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Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Gröning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready. Gröning, sans crew or artificial lighting, lived in the monks' quarters for six months—filming their daily prayers, tasks, rituals and rare outdoor excursions. This transcendent, closely observed film seeks to embody a monastery, rather than simply depict one—it has no score, no voiceover and no archival footage. What remains is stunningly elemental: time, space and light. One of the most mesmerizing and poetic chronicles of spirituality ever created, INTO GREAT SILENCE dissolves the border between screen and audience with a total immersion into the hush of monastic life. More meditation than documentary, it's a rare, transformative experience for all.

2006 • Germany • 162 mins • Color • With minimal French dialogue and English subtitles

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  - ❖ Additional scenes, including a segment on the preparation of the Carthusian's world-famous Chartreuse liqueur
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—Angela Zito, Director, Religious Studies, NYU; Co-director, Center for Religion and Media

**"Philip Gröning does to his film what the monks have done to their lives. He strips away everything superfluous to get down to the barest essentials. He leads his viewers through a wordless experience much like contemplation."**

—Richard A. Blake, S.J., Co-director, Film Studies Program, Boston College; film reviewer, *America* magazine

**"*Into Great Silence* is pure cinema at its purest and most exalted. More than a documentary of monastic life.... It's a rare perfection in a film."**

—Steven D. Greydanus, *National Catholic Register*

**"A view into a world where the present moment is all there is...that single moment of time that is always 'now'."**

—Carol Ann Raphael, *What Is Enlightenment?* magazine



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