

That Old Dream That Moves

A film by Alain Guiraudie



Nominated César Awards France
Directors Fortnight Cannes 2001
Jean Vigo Award (Prix Jean Vigo) France
Clermont Ferrand (Prize of the City)

«THE RARE FILM WHOSE EVERY MOMENT IS SUBTLY AND BRILLIANTLY CONCEIVED.»

Variety



Running Time: 51 minutes

Genre: Drama

Cast: Pierre-Louis Calixte,
Jean-Marie Combelles, Jean Segani...

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«Alain Guiraudie's «That Old Dream That Moves» manages to avoid all clichés in its distinctive handling of a story about the closing of a rusty industrial factory and the allure of a young worker to a group of soon-to-be-unemployed men...Staged with a masterly eye for detail, environment and the unexpected quirks in human behavior, work reps a major breakthrough for a significant Gallic voice. Top prize-winner in Cannes' 2001 shorts fest has enjoyed enhanced prestige via subsequent forays at N.Y., Palm Springs and Rotterdam fests.»

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Synopsis:

Jacques Roudillou, a specialist mechanic, is hired by a soon-to-close foundry to repair and then disassemble an injection-moulding machine in preparation for its dispatch to another site. It's a few days work that coincide with the final days at the plant, which has been progressively downsized over preceding years.

Jacques, single and 30, realises his work is part of the factory staff's death warrant. He'll drink with them but refuses to become emotionally involved with the anguish attending their retrenchment and the closure of a factory where blokey camaraderie have been a way of life. Donand, the factory supervisor, is resigned to redundancy. He's a man segregated from the factory hands - us and them - and he's also on the outs because he's probably gay. But indifference is one of the mechanic's tools of trade and he knows impulse and desire aren't necessarily the same thing...