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New Review

The Garden of Earthly Delights

Dir. Lech Majewski. 2004. N/R. 103mins. Claudine Spiteri, Chris Nightingale.



Lech Majewski, subject of a MoMA retrospective last month, directed, wrote, produced and scored this portrait of an intensely erotic but doomed affair. Art-history scholar Claudine (Spiteri) is filming a movie about Hieronymus Bosch, aided by her boyfriend (Nightingale). When Claudine discovers she's dying of cancer, the project—not to mention their relationship—takes on new urgency, as the lovers create their own heaven on earth by acting out images from Bosch's title painting. Loaded with symbolism and philosophical soliloquies, Majewski's film definitely won't be forgotten.

(Opens Thu; Two Boots Pioneer.)—Raven Snook

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