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## **SISTER SMILE - THE TRAGIC TALE OF THE SINGING NUN (DVD) - MVD VISUAL**

Sister Smile is the story of Soeur Sourire also known as the Singing Nun, a Belgian nun here played by Ginevra Colonna. She gained mainstream success in 1963 with a single called "Dominique." This Italian language film tracks her youth from taking up the guitar and joining a convent to her eventual lesbian relationship and eventual death. We see her having nightmares of being plunged into hell and dreams of singing with guitar in hand. At one point she leaves the convent, without warning, and rumours soon spread that she has joined a satanic cult. Instead she joins the 'Hope House' where she meets the counselor, played by Simona Caparrini, whom she falls in love with. We see her unusual behaviour such as placing a tape on her mouth and drawing lipstick over it or drawing on her chest while in front of a mirror. The director tries to draw a picture of an unstable person who suddenly runs to her father but returns to her lover soon after. The film showcases the darker side of Sister Smile's life and with the short-lived success barely given a place. This is director and screenwriter Roger Deutsch's take on a real life story, sometimes powerful sometimes confusing and underwhelming.

Two short films by the director, Dead People and Mario Makes A Movie make up the bonus material. Italian with English subtitles. - Anna Tergel