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SISTER SMILE: *The Tragic Tale Of The Singing Nun* (MVD Visual) -- DVD REVIEW



Remember that 1963 American pop #1 hit, “Dominique” by Luc-Gabrielle (credited at the time to Soeur Sourire)? Probably not huh? Well, there was once this No. 1 pop hit, a pretty cheerful and delightful sing-a-long song, taken from the LP *The Singing Nun*, an album that actually sold 1.5 million copies to boot. What’s not so cheerful – and probably perfect for this Halloween season – is this Roger Deutsch film, *Suor Sorriso* that captures the tragic life following the singing nun’s pop hit success, especially after she’d left the convent. Portrayed by actress Ginevra Colonna, this singing nun runs a shelter for wayward girls with another ex-nun, Simona Caparrini, and of course as you’d predict since being away from and not attached to the convent any more, sin sets in and the two enter into a passionate, turbulent and in the end, destructively fatal affair. Sex, drugs and demons flourish throughout this Italian-language film, and with heaven nowhere in sight, the brilliant cinematography makes their hell ‘bloody’ enjoyable to watch.