



'Sister Smile: The Tragic Tale of the Singing Nun,' (MVDvisual, 3 ½ stars)

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This Dec. 7, 2010, DVD contains a largely speculative Italian-language film with subtitles concerning the young Belgian nun known as Sister Smile who had a worldwide hit with the relentlessly cheerful "Dominique" in 1963 from an album that sold 1.5 million copies.

The film depicts her as a tormented, emotionally unstable woman who left the convent shortly after her recording triumph before taking her final vows. The profits from the song went to the ministries of the convent, and she falls into a relationship with another ex-nun running a home for wayward girls. From there, she's beset by demons that drive her on a flamboyant, drug-fueled downward spiral. It's a well-made movie for foreign-film admirers and trivia buffs.

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