



A QUIET PASSION

WORLD CINEMA

UK/Belgium 2016 • 125 min

Director/Screenwriter Terence Davies **Producers** Roy Boulter, Solon Papadopoulos **Cinematographer** Florian Hoffmeister **Editor** Pia Di Ciaula **Cast** Cynthia Nixon, Jennifer Ehle, Duncan Duff, Emma Bell, Keith Carradine **Print Source** Music Box Films

With this painterly cine-biography of Emily Dickinson, renowned filmmaker Terence Davies (*The House of Mirth*) proves that it takes a poet to know one. He wrote “his” Dickinson expressly for Cynthia Nixon—who brilliantly captures the wit, awkwardness, introversion, and suffering of this greatest of American writers—and sets her circumscribed existence within an exquisite chamber piece. We come to understand “the lady whom the people call the Myth” through her family: father Edward (Keith Carradine), sister Lavinia (Jennifer Ehle), brother Austin, and bedridden mother. It is this everyday, hemmed-in life, brightened occasionally by a funny friend or dashing clergyman and darkened by illness and mourning, that Davies heightens with beautifully lit tableaux. Dickinson and Davies revel in their twin passions: she with death and punctuation and he with the past and composition of the film frame. And when her indelible verse is invoked, this film’s “winged spark doth soar about.” **US PREMIERE**

—Lucy Laird

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