



Cinema International

Country : Philippines

Essential Truths of the Lake

Essential Truths of the Lake
2023 / Black & White / 215 minutes / Tagalok



Director : Lav Diaz

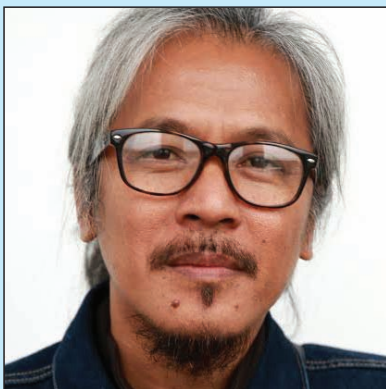
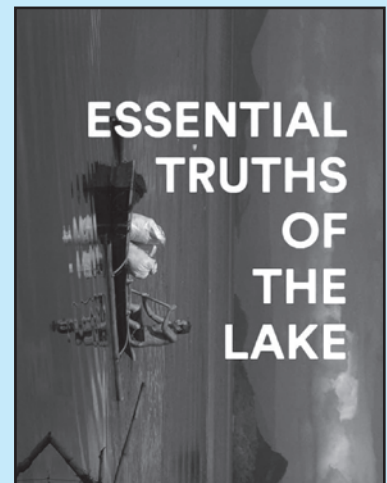
Producer : Bianca Balbuena

Cinematographer : Lav Diaz, Larry Manda

Editor : Lav Diaz

Cast : John Lloyd Cruz , Hazel Orencio, Shaina Magdayao, Bart Guingona

Synopsis : Lieutenant Papauran replies dejectedly when asked what motivates a man to seek the truth, "Perhaps he just wants to keep inflicting pain on himself." Facing President Duterte's gruesome killings and flagrant falsehoods, he struggles to solve a case that has been open for fifteen years, by navigating through an area covered in ash and a lake that is impenetrable. He can hardly lift the cross any longer, yet he still drags it.



Director's Biography : Lavrente Indico Diaz is a Filipino director who was born in 1958. He is particularly known for the duration of his work, with his movies being dictated more by space and nature than by time. His writing mostly addresses the social and political upheaval in his own country. Since 1998, he has directed eighteen movies and received various accolades from across the world, including the Pardo d'oro at the Locarno Film Festival (2014), the Alfred Bauer Award at the Berlinale (2016), and the Venice Golden Lion (2016) for *The Woman Who Left*.

