John McEnroe: in the Realm of Perfection

2018 | Documentary | English/French | Directed by Julien Faraut

An immersive film essay on tennis legend John McEnroe at the height of his career as the world champion, documenting his strive for perfection, frustrations, and the hardest loss of his career at the 1984 Roland-Garros French Open.

Synopsis

Narrated by Mathieu Amalric (Grand Budapest Hotel, Ismael’s Ghost), using unseen 16mm footage uncovered from the Roland-Garros film archives, IN THE REALM OF PERFECTION showcases McEnroe’s iconic grace, infamous temper, and unique style that powered his incredible journey to tennis perfection.

Producers

William Jéhannin and Raphaëlle Delauche

Cast

John McEnroe

Narration

Mathieu Amalric

Winner of the 2018 Berlinale Tagesspiegel Jury Award

“The 10 Best Films of the 2018 Berlin Film Festival... Elegant, witty and thoughtful”

Variety

“Insightful, entertaining and often humorous...”

Screen Daily

“Quirky, cine-sportif essay”

Hollywood Reporter