

Pride of Place

UK documentary : 1976 : dir. Dorothea Gazidis : National Film School : 60 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.: Kim Longinotto

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20th London Film Festival - 1976 -
 programme review:

"This programme of three new films from the National Film School is truly outstanding. First is Dorothea Gazidis's "PRIDE OF PLACE", a devastating, funny and unnervingly accurate rapier thrust aimed surely at the heart of that absurd (and peculiarly) British anachronism, the minor public school. What makes this hour-long documentary memorable is not

simply the dexterity of the actual filmmaking (although it is easily among the most accomplished student works I have ever seen) but the intelligent way the makers have held back. They have moved into the difficult area of social satire and realised that simple presentation was the best commentary. Teachers, students and parents are shown without malice. The movie is a gem: at once serious and penetrating and yet made with skill and humour." - Brian Baxter

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Shown at the festival as part of a compilation of NFS student films. Amid a whole slew of recent British TV documentaries on public schools (Jonathan Miller maintained this was evidence of class snobbery persisting at the BBC), films focussing on girls' schools were seldom. The "**Cutting Edge**" report on Benenden was one exception. For the most part we are left to the ludicrous caricatures of the **St TRINIAN'S** farces, or occasional Australian imports like "**THE GETTING OF WISDOM**" (77) and "**PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK**" (75).

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