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THE SPECIALIST

(France/Israel/Germany/Austria/Belgium - 123 mins)

The extraordinary trial of a frighteningly ordinary man.

'The Specialist' is a powerful feature length documentary focusing on the 1961 trial of Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann. In 1995, filmmaker Eyal Sivan found almost by accident in university film archives in Jerusalem, some 350 hours of unreleased videotapes showing in its entirety the Eichmann trial. Having been found guilty of the extermination of several million human beings during World War 2, Eichmann was executed - and the trial's images were relegated to the attic of the Israeli National Archives. Sivan turned his incredible findings into a unique and innovative film. For the first time, a high ranking SS officer is given the leading part and speaks about his 'job'. And for the first time, digital technologies are used directly on archived materials, enabling the filmmakers to give their point of view and a more contemporary feel to the trial.

"A fascinating portrait" (Time Out)