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Chris Marker, Creator of 'La Jetée'

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Chris Marker (29 July 1921 – 30 July 2012) revolutionized cinema in 26 minutes with several hundred still images, one ghostly live-action shot, and a new approach to narrative and time. It was 1962 when Marker made *La Jetée*, and his short film has influenced every major director since.

You can read his biography [here](#), but Chris Marker was an elusive person; he didn't give interviews, nor did he allow himself to be photographed.

He wanted his work to speak for him, and so it should. Watch *La Jetée* in its full, French language (English-subtitle) version which is available on [YouTube](#) (unless it's been taken down), and from [Criterion Collection](#). Even if you've seen it before, this is one you cannot see too many times. It is among the most perfect films ever made, and one of my all-time favorites.

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