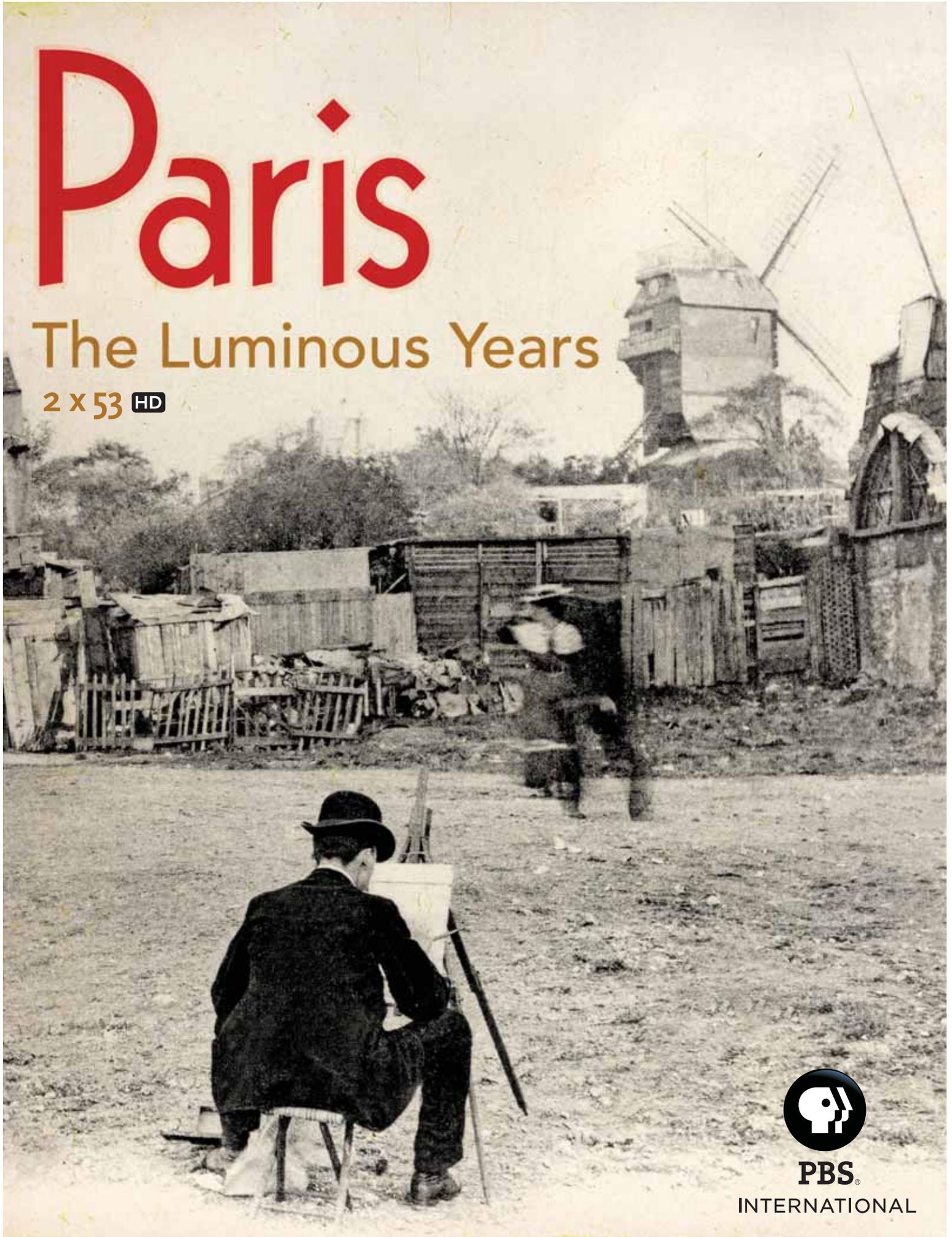


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A storm of Modernism swept through the art worlds of the West in the early decades of the 20th century, uprooting centuries of tradition in the visual arts, music, literature, dance, theater, and beyond. The epicenter of this storm was Paris, France. For an incandescent moment from 1905 to 1930, Paris was the magnetic center for radical innovation and experiment, the Mecca for creative talents from Michigan to Moscow, from Brooklyn to Barcelona, who would change the course of art throughout the Western world. Dramatic and historic moments are recalled on camera by participants in these legendary events including Marc Chagall, Igor Stravinsky, Jean Cocteau, Aaron Copland, Marcel Duchamp, Sylvia Beach, and Janet Flanner.

Paris The Luminous Years spotlights now-famous figures in the world's first international avant-garde, tracing who came to Paris, when and why, whom they met, what they made there and how being in Paris during "the luminous years" transformed them and their work, whether their stays were a few weeks, a few years, or a lifetime.

The film tells the epic story of Paris from a fresh, unprecedented point of view. This is not the familiar, glamorous Paris as passive backdrop for the revolutions that exploded there but instead Paris is revealed as active player, vibrant catalyst and midwife to modernity. Through intriguing back stories of personal relationships and of major turning points that revolutionized the direction of the modern arts, the film reveals why breakthroughs like Cubism and Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" could only happen in the international, fervent atmosphere of these luminous years in Paris. For the first time, a wide-angle view of the whole Parisian art scene enables the viewer to make connections and uncover interactions among divergent art forms.

Through imaginative use of digital technology, contemporary interviews that cast a 21st century eye on these vibrant years, on-location film, unique archival footage and photographs and artworks (477 images from 113 international sources), *Paris The Luminous Years* tells an enthralling story of the international group of artists in Paris who made luminous the first three decades of the 20th century.

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