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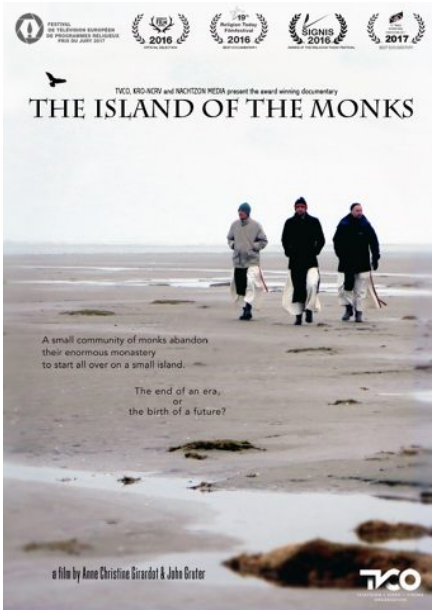

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THE ISLAND OF THE MONKS

The monastery of Sion, in the Netherlands, has room for 120 monks. But in 2013 there were only eight monks left. They started to think of moving, make a new beginning somewhere else and hopefully attract new men to join their community. And so the idea was born of returning to the island in the north of Holland that bears their name: Schiermonnikoog, that means Island of the Grey Monks. But moving isn't that easy. These men of prayer were confronted by inner and outer turmoil, doubts and fears. They had to answer the questions: What makes someone a monk and why are they here?

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ORIGINAL TITLE	De terugkeer van de monniken
COUNTRY	Netherlands
PRODUCTION YEAR	2016
RUNNING TIME	70' min.
AVAILABLE IN	Full HD
LANGUAGE	Dutch, Spanish
SUBTITLES	English
DIRECTED BY	Anne Christine Girardot John Gruter
PRODUCED BY	Nachtzon Media