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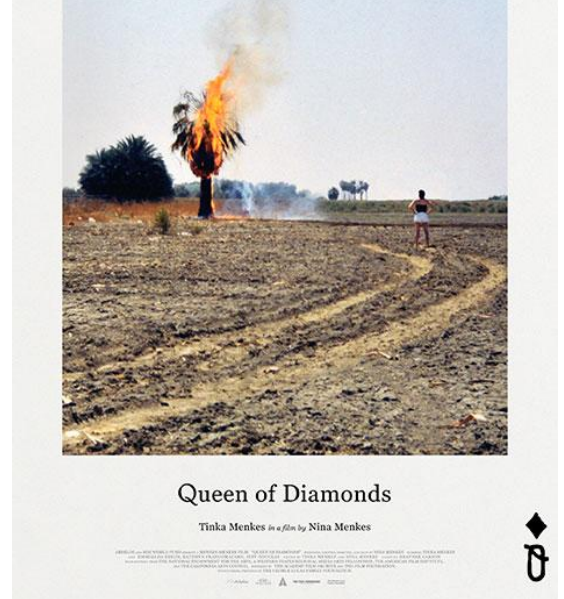
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Nina Menkes

77m | English



TIFF Cinematheque New and Restored



4K restoration!

American independent and feminist auteur Nina Menkes' body of uncompromising work continues to age with increasing potency and deserved attention. Dubbed a "cinematic sorceress" by Dennis Lim, Menkes possesses a Lynchian-like gift for commanding the viewer's attention with enigmatic authority. *Queen of Diamonds*, which Menkes wrote, directed, produced, shot, and co-edited, stars her sister and frequent collaborator Tinka Menkes as a Vegas croupier who swaggers in and out of simultaneously mundane and otherworldly Nevada settings, haunting each with a vampiric-like presence. Menkes' longtime refusal of the male gaze in favour of her own framing devices is evident here in her artful foregrounding of place and composition over character. Loosely plotted with sparse dialogue, the film is a mesmerizing trip including compelling notes of suspense and surprising hints of humour. Stunningly restored in 4K, *Queen of Diamonds* delivers ambiance in spades and demands to be seen on the big screen.

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Content advisory: themes of self-harm, domestic abuse; accident trauma, mature themes, course language

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