

# KINO LORBER

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## LE GAI SAVOIR

A film by Jean-Luc Godard

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**Synopsis:**

While alone in an abandoned television studio, two militants, Emile Rousseau (Jean-Pierre Leaud) and Patricia Lumumba (Juliet Berto), have a discourse on language. Referring to spoken word as "the enemy"--the weapon used by the establishment to confuse liberation movements--the two deconstruct the meanings of sounds and images in an attempt to "return to zero" and truly experience the joy of learning.

## Press Quotes

“One of Godard’s most beautiful, most visually lucid movies.”

- Vincent Canby, *New York Times*

“An astoundingly sustained 92-minute fusillade-montage founded on Vertov and Wittgenstein.”

- Fernando F. Croce, *Cinepassion*

“One can find few films as startlingly contemporaneous as *Le gai savoir*.”

- Sherry Johnson, *Mubi*

“An engaging assault of ideas, conceits, jokes, and propaganda.”

- Eric Hynes, *Reverse Shot*

CREDITS

Directed by Jean-Luc Godard

Written by Jean-Luc Godard  
Jean-Jacques Rousseau (text)

Director of Photography  
Georges Leclerc

Editor  
Germaine Cohen

Cast:  
Juliet Berto.....Patricia Lumumba  
Jean-Pierre Leaud.....Emile Rousseau  
Jean-Luc Godard.....Narrator (voice)