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# CHILDREN OF THE CULT

A FILM BY MAROESJA PERIZONIUS

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## Synopsis

*impassioned, courageous, focused, and confrontational*  
- **The Guardian**

*testimonies reveal the full horror of a cult that thrived in plain sight*  
- **The Sun**

*a vivid and unflinching exposé of a cult's darkest secrets*  
- **City A.M.**

*powerful and thought provoking* - **Morning Star**

*a scalpel-sharp doc* - **Time Out**

*well considered and intelligent* - **Film Review**

*Children of the Cult* is an international investigation into the world's largest and most influential cult. At its height in the 1970s and 80s, the Rajneesh movement attracted tens of thousands of followers to communes in more than 50 countries. Under their leader Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, they created a society with its own moral code. One that normalised crimes against children.

The Rajneesh movement still thrives today, yet no one has been held accountable for the harm inflicted upon its youngest members. In this unflinching documentary Maroesja Perizonius, herself a survivor of the Rajneesh communes, connects with other former Rajneesh children to expose the truth that has been hidden for forty years. With new information, she unmasks perpetrators and comes face to face with senior cult figures who have never faced accountability.

## Production Details

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**Feature Documentary**  
**UK / 75 min / 2024**

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**Production Company**  
DM Productions

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**Producers** Ben Ferguson,  
Victoria Hollingsworth  
**Exec Producer** David Modell  
**Directors** Maroesja Perizonius  
& Alice McShane

## Awards

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Nominated for a 2025 Royal  
Television Society Award

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