



Cloudburst

Here is a genuine crowd-pleaser: it's got laughs, it's got tears, it's got gorgeous Maritime scenery. Most of all, Thom Fitzgerald's film has a radiant performance by Olympia Dukakis as Stella, one of the most memorable female lead characters in a long time. Stella is a foul-mouthed, obstreperous 80-year-old lesbian, comfortably ensconced in rural life with her partner Dot. When Dot falls out of bed, a trip to the hospital provides her granddaughter with an opportunity to trick her into an old folk's home, rupturing a 30-year relationship and driving the defiant Stella to action. Determined to gain recognition of their relationship, Stella and Dot take off from their home base of Maine for Nova Scotia, planning to elope. What follows are road movie hijinks, powerful emotional reversals and enough belly laughs for five movies, most of them courtesy of the creatively profane Stella.

Cloudburst has a Trailer Park Boys feel, fairly camp and low-budget Canadian, down to its obvious music cues. Ever since his stunning debut with *The Hanging Garden*, Fitzgerald has been a unique voice in queer Canadian cinema. Cloudburst is an endearing comedy under the shadow of its real-life villains: old age and a society that still refuses to fully acknowledge gay rights in long-term couples. With a light touch and a strong sense of humanity, Fitzgerald has fashioned a tale of love on the run.

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Director & Writer:
Thom Fitzgerald

Editor: Angela Baker

Cast: Olympia Dukakis,
Brenda Fricker, Ryan
Doucette, Kristin Booth

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