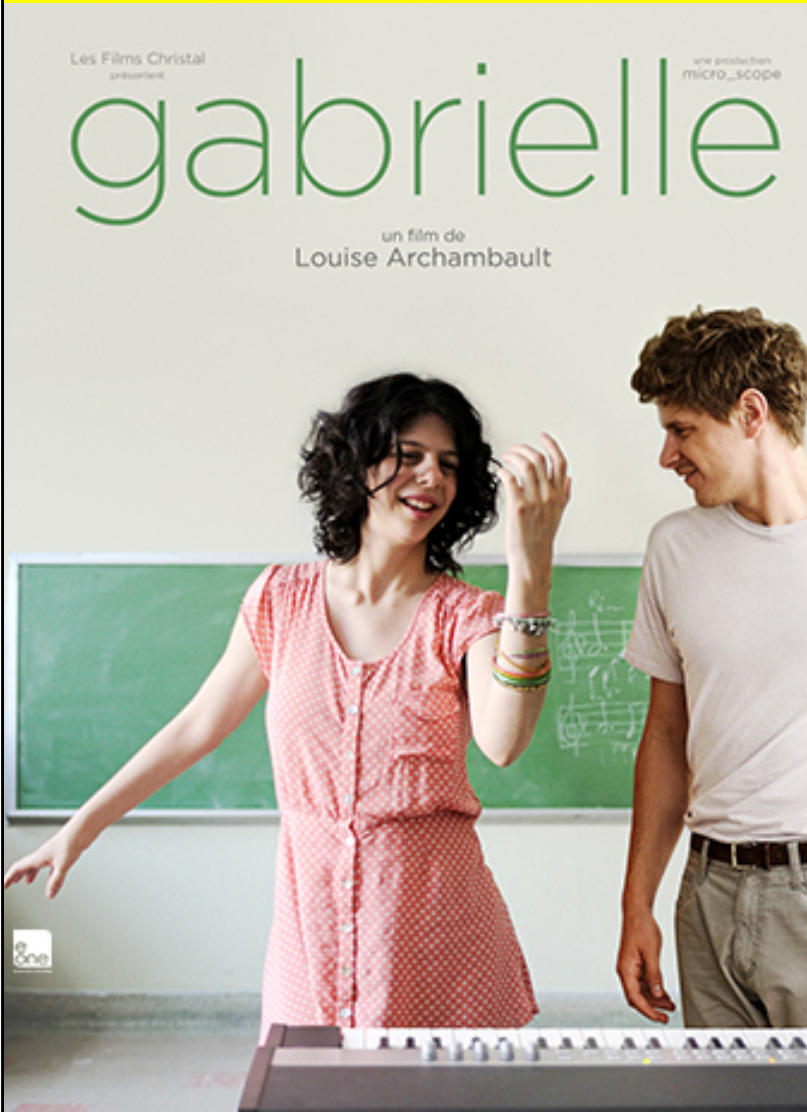


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"On the surface, it's a simple love story, but Gabrielle is much more... a deeply affecting tale of difference, dignity and the healing power of song."

T'Cha Dunlevy, Montreal Gazette

Canada's official Oscar submission for Best Foreign Language Film, and produced by the team behind Oscar nominated *Incendies* and *Monsieur Lazhar*, Louise Archambault's *Gabrielle* is a stunning, tender film about a developmentally challenged young woman's quest for independence and sexual freedom. Living in a group home, musically talented Gabrielle (Gabrielle Marion-Rivard) has found love in Martin (Alexandre Landry), a fellow member of her choir. They want to explore their feelings for one another physically, but are not allowed. Convinced that living alone will allow her to have the intimate relationship she so desperately craves, Gabrielle tries valiantly to prove she can be independent. Gabrielle's rock is her sister Sophie (Mélissa Désormeaux-Poulin; *Incendies*), who tries to help her but knows that full independence will never be possible. Archambault displays a keen ability to distill the emotional currents of families at a crossroads. At the core of this film is the heartfelt performance by Marion-Rivard (who has Williams syndrome in real life). Gabrielle's effusive giddiness is contagious, her drive unrelenting. *Gabrielle* is a captivating film about tolerance and finding happiness, but, above all, it is a story of love. French with English subtitles. RATED R.

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