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@ Wasserman Cinematheque, Brandeis University

SAMUEL BAK: PAINTER OF QUESTIONS

Sunday, April 15, 4:30 pm

New England Premiere

**Special Guest:
Samuel Bak**



Samuel Bak, *To The Gate*, oil on canvas, courtesy Pucker Gallery

In 2001, on the occasion of a retrospective exhibit of his work, painter Samuel Bak returned to his hometown of Vilna, Lithuania, where he was born in 1933. There, he walked the streets of the Vilna ghetto where he was interned with his parents during the Holocaust and visited the Ponari forest where his father and grandparents were murdered. Lauded as a child prodigy, young Samuel's happy childhood came to an end the day his family was marched into the Jewish Ghetto, changing his life and his artistic vision forever. Saved from the death camps by his father before his capture, the miracle of his survival became a recurring theme in the unique and powerful visual vocabulary of his art. Directed by Christa Singer. (Canada, 2003, 48 min)

Preceded by

JEWISH LIFE IN VILNA (Poland, 1939, 10 min, 16mm, Yiddish w/ English subtitles)

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