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Nearly 500 years after her death, the Church canonized Joan of Arc. One year later (on May 9, 1920), Pope Benedict XV declared her a saint of the Catholic Church.

Joan of Arc still fascinates us. During World War II, the governments of America and Britain used her as a means to sell war bonds. She is the subject of statues, books, radio--plays, movies and music.

One of the most famous movies about the French heroine - *The Passion of Joan of Arc* - was made in 1928. Critics have always described that silent film about the heresy trial, starring Maria Falconetti, in glowing terms. Pauline Kael said:

It may be the finest performance ever recorded on film.

Even if you cannot read the French intertitles, you will be greatly moved by Falconetti's performance.

Legends - like Joan of Arc - are often shrouded with mystery. Not much remains, except the stories. Now, nearly six centuries after her death, there has been an amazing discovery. It appears that Joan's battle armor has been found.

Evidence supporting the legitimacy of the claim seems persuasive.

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Maria Falconetti

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The Passion of Joan of Arc - Movie Poster

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War Posters Featuring Joan of Arc

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Passion of Joan of Arc - Maria Falconetti

Clip from *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, (La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc), 1928.

Directed by: Carl Theodor Dreyer (a Dane)

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Starring Renée Jeanne Falconetti (a/k/a Maria Falconetti) as *Jeanne d'Arc* (Joan of Arc)

Released on April 21, 1928 in Denmark

Filmed in Boulogne-Billancourt, Hauts-de-Seine, France.

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The Passion of Joan of Arc - Death Scene

Clip from: *The Passion of Joan of Arc*.

Directed by: Carl Theodor Dreyer (a Dane)

Written by: Joseph Delteil and Carl Theodor Dreyer

Starring: Renée Jeanne Falconetti (a/k/a Maria Falconetti) as Jeanne d'Arc (Joan of Arc)

Released on April 21, 1928 in Denmark.

Filmed in Boulogne-Billancourt, Hauts-de-Seine, France.

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