

# The Silver Branch

*'To find your way in the world, is to let nature work on you'*



Trailer <https://vimeo.com/260201919>

This multi-award-winning IFTA film 'The Silver Branch' depicts the life and insights of the inimitable philosopher, poet, and fifth-generation farmer, Patrick McCormack, owner of 'Fr Ted's House' in the beautiful, austere Burren. Through Patrick's eyes and pastoral verse, this beautifully shot film immerses us in the exquisite textures of the natural world, bringing us a rare glimpse of a disappearing way of life with all its richness and roguery, and leading to a deep connection with the Earth and our ancestral wild spirit. Patrick longs to farm in the quiet pace his ascendants did, to be free and to live in harmony with the landscape: The landscape \nature itself is our heroine: - beautiful, strong, wild, yet nurturing and all giving, but she needs protection from the cold front of capitalism and government sell outs. Patrick is the perfect hero, a rugged Burren man with a vision and is willing to risk all when he's called to Battle in the Supreme courts to decide on the fate of this iconic wilderness.

Though it is centered around this remarkable man and his search for 'unity of being', it explores more universal themes: It is a story of life, love, family, grief, of commitment and of the struggles of modern day life, which invites the viewer to follow in mindful meditation, to take a journey into the self and exam the relationship between man and landscape, between tradition and spirit, between body and soul.

**Screening at The Presentation Centre Enniscorthy**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 8.00pm**

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