

What we Know about Calamity Jane

From the producers of *Calamity*

There's little we can be sure of about Calamity Jane, including her date of birth. Her own account of her life is quite mythical. Despite her inventions, her life remains a singularly exceptional one: that of a woman who chose, at an early age, to dress and live like a man. Apart from her 'disguise' and eccentric behavior, what emerges from biographies of Martha Jane Cannary is her rough yet very touching personality. She is a woman constantly seeking affection, a stray dog, capable of becoming attached to people for no apparent reason and leaving them just as quickly when the fear of commitment kicks in.

We know even less of her youth, but our aim in the film is not to offer a faithful factual account but to imagine how this 'free spirit' was constructed little by little, shaped by adventures and the people she met... How Martha Jane was able to live with her insatiable desire for freedom, which in those days only men's clothes could offer. This film tells the story of a young girl who – suffering from being abandoned – constantly invented herself and her unique way of living, before relearning to trust others.