

New audiences for cinema Heather Maitland



This session

- What's happening to audiences for cinema?
- What's happening to audiences for culture?
- What can we do about it?



On average people look at their mobile device 221 times a day

That's 3 hours 16 minutes each day

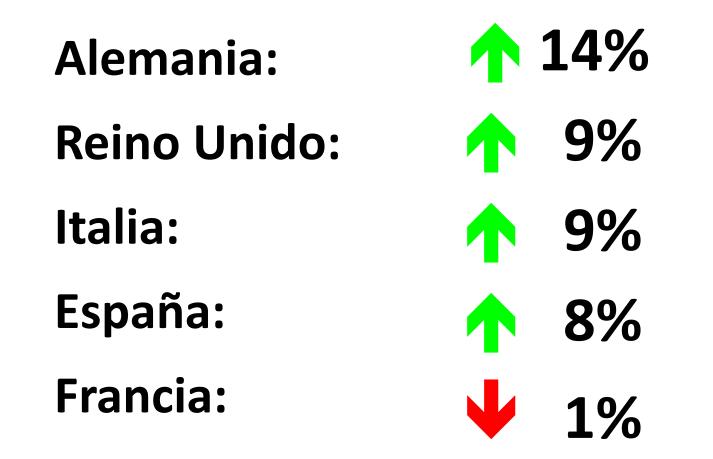
> Tecmark, Smartphone Usage Survey, 2014 http://www.tecmark.co.uk/smartphone-usage-data-uk-2014



More European audiences watch films on a computer than a standard TV set (85% compared to 75%)

Attentional, Headway International and Harris Interactive, A profile of current and future audiovisual audience, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2014

EU Cinema admissions 2015: 🔶 8%



European Audiovisual Observatory, February 2016



"You've watched 7 years of television in 8 days and that's never meant to happen."

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"ABANDON EVERYTHING -ENTER BEN WHEATLEY'S IMAGINATION TO ENJOY A WONDERFULLY SEDUCTIVE PIECE OF FILM-MAKING"

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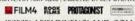
A FIELD IN ENGLAND

"AN IMPRESSIVE, HAUNTING PICTURE" KIM NEWMAN / EMPIRE

"A HEAD-SPINNING TRIP INTO THE FAR CORNERS OF THE ENGLISH PSYCHE"

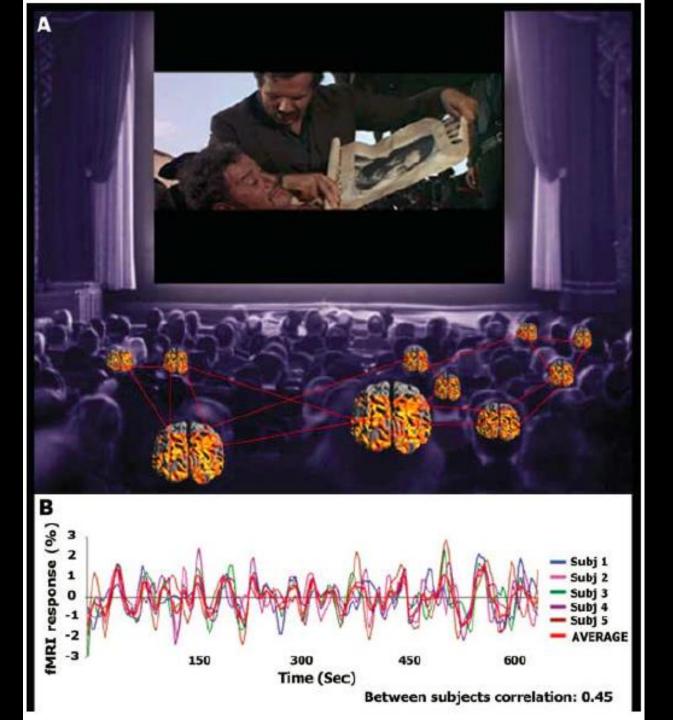
DANNY LEIGH / FILM 2013

FILM PRESENTS A ROCK FILMS PRODUCTION A FIELD IN ENGLAND' JULIAN BARRATT, PETER FERDINANDO, RICHARD GLOVER, RYAN POPE, REECE SHEARSMITH, MICHAEL SMILEY MAKEUP 5 HAIR DESIGN CANDY ALDERSON, COSTUME DESIGNER EMMA FRYER, SOLIND RECORDIST ROB ENTWISTLE, FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES SHARPE MUSIC COMPOSED BY JAM WILLIAMS, SOUND DESIGN BY MARTIN PAVEY, EDITED BY AM JUMP 8 BEN WHEATLEY, PRODUCTION DESIGNER ANDY KELLY, DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY LAURE ROSE EXECUTIVE PRODUCTR ANNA HIGGS, PRODUCTO BY CLARE JONES 6 ANDY STARKE WRITTEN BY AMY JUMP, DIRECTED BY CAME JONG 5 ANDY STARKE WRITTEN BY AMY JUMP, DIRECTED BY CLARE JONES 6 ANDY STARKE



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Hasson, U et al, 'Neurocinematics: the neuroscience of film', *Projections*, 2 (2008), pp 1-26



Cultural film venues

30% only ever go to their regular venue

- 15% also go to another cultural film venue
- 55% also go to a multiplex

Creative Cultural Associates, Understanding Our Audiences, Film Hub Wales, 2015

The perfect cinema

- A wide choice of films
- Friendly staff
- Food and drink
- Buzzy atmosphere
- Seeing film with like-minded people
- Being in a place where you feel you belong

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1st place: home



2nd place: work





Third Spacer

Sees films alone at least once a week – also sees a few plays and gigs with others

"I choose by reading

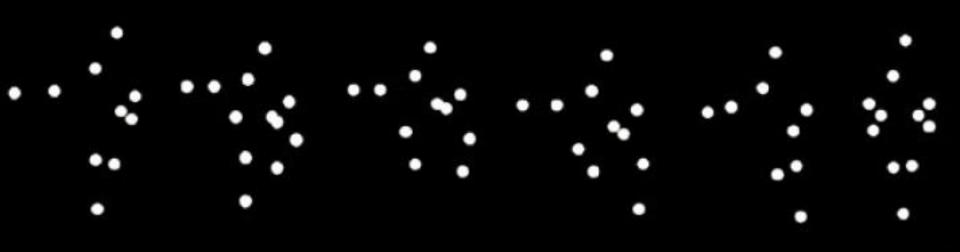
Travels 30 minutes each way

Very rarely visits any other cinema "I like any foreign film especially French"

reviews"

I feel comfortable coming here

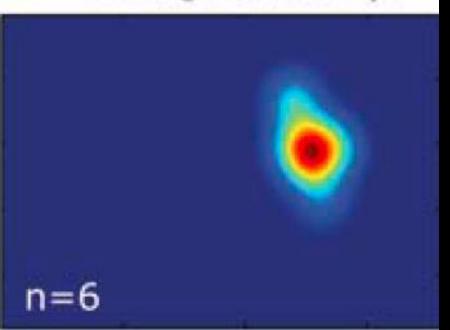
Favourite film: Some Like It Hot



Noël Carroll and William P Seeley, 'Kinaesthetic Understanding and Appreciation in Dance', *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 71:2 (2013)

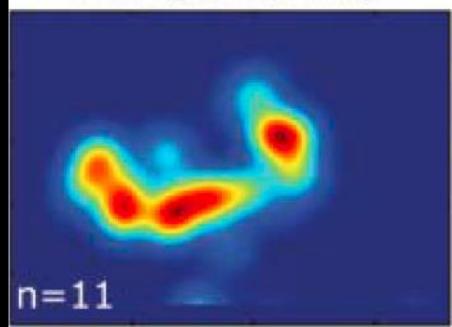


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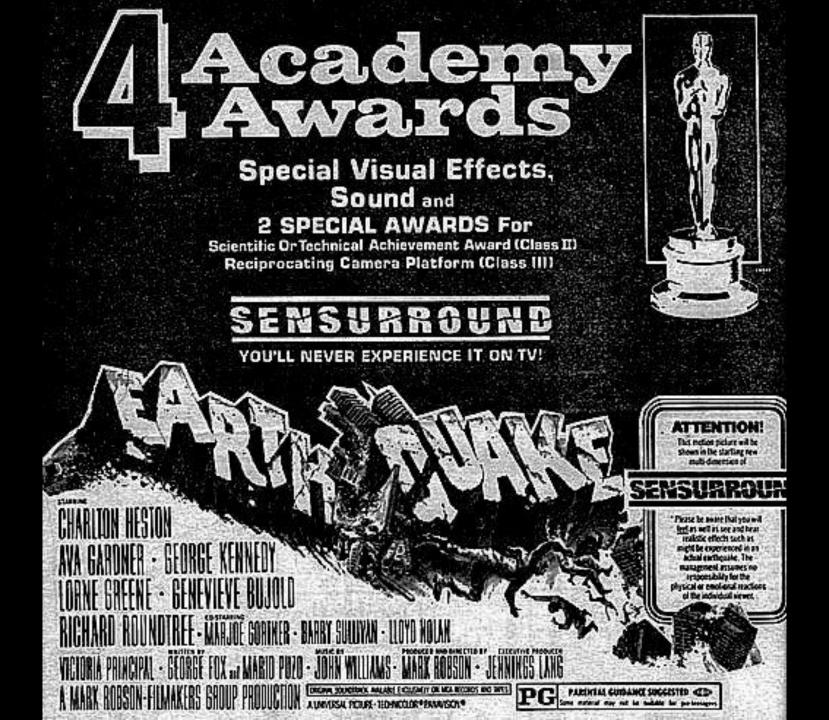














Have used social media to discuss and comment on films:

Will watch the trailer if a Facebook Friend 'likes' it:

Have created and shared own material related to the film:

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European Union, 2014

45%

60%

49%

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DISCOVERING THE AMATEUR FICTION FILM

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What do people say when they share film?

- Expressing identity: "This is totally me/you"
- Emotional gift: "This made me feel this way and it will make you feel this way too."
- Social information: "We were just talking about this the other day"

Ze Frank, New Audience: Moviegoing in a connected world,

Young people

- Young people use culture to create identity:
 - to belong to a group
 - to be different from anyone outside the group
- See "top down" culture as irrelevant and unattractive
- Feel excluded

Schwartz, K.D. and Fouts, T.F. (2003), 'Music preferences, personality style, and developmental issues of adolescents', *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 32(3), 205

Interarts, Access of Young People to Culture, 2009





 What percentage of the Spanish population say they do not watch films?



 What percentage of cinema goers in Spain say "I love cinema and I am a cinema fan"?

40%

 And what percentage said they like film but are more interested in other artforms?



 What percentage of cinema goers in Spain see films in cinemas?

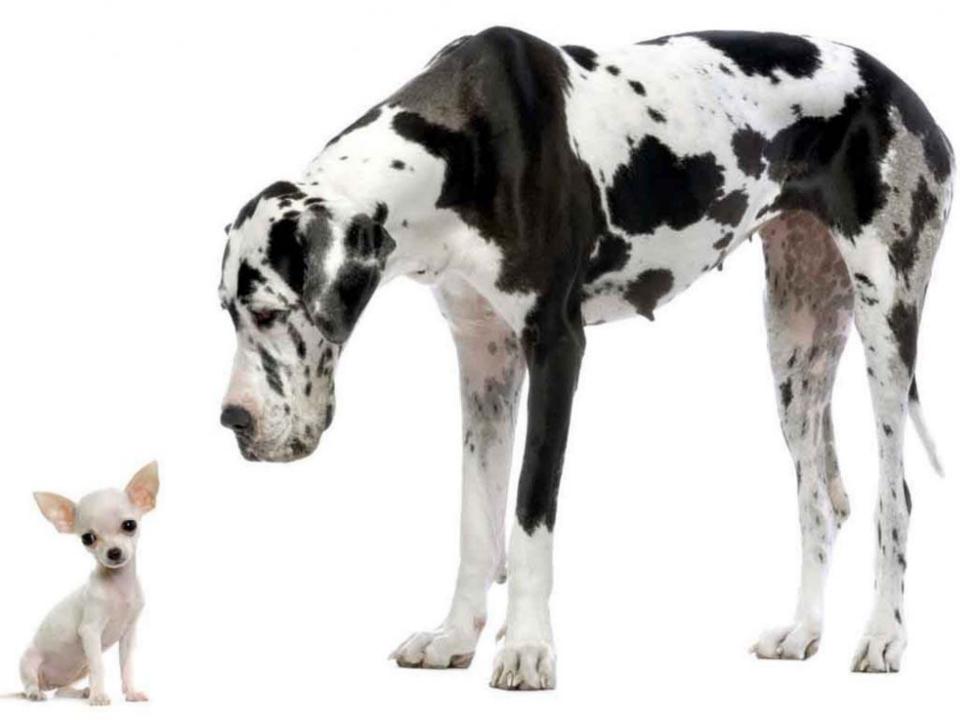
93%

 And what percentage said they went at least weekly?

16%

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European Union, 2014



Béla Tarr, my fave

Urgh subtitles!

MILLIP Marsheller

What are they like?

- Audiences for cultural cinema are not like audiences for mainstream cinema
- Much less likely to be aged 15-24
- More likely to be over 45
- More likely to be female
- Audiences for cultural cinema are more like audiences for the arts

That's because they are arts attenders

% tickets purchased that are for film:

68% 50% 24%

Cultural Cinema in Ireland

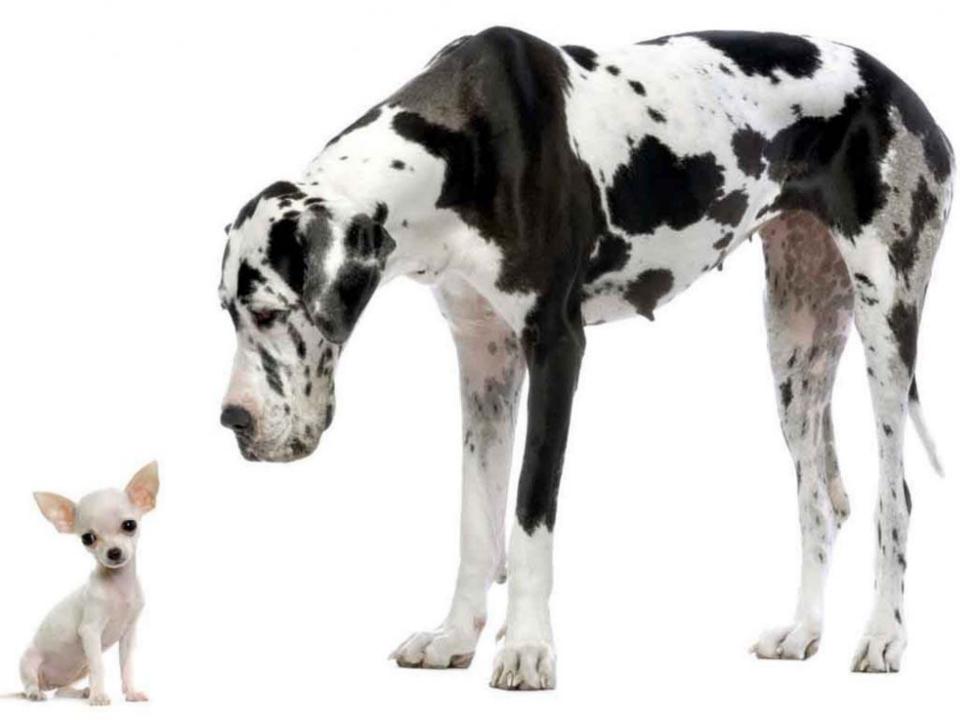


Incidental

Classical music buff – at least once a month "It sounded an interesting Travels 15 minutes each way film"

Doesn't see film anywhere else – but travels to concerts

"I'm here because it's Tuesday and tomorrow's my day off" Favourite film: I don't really have one





Film buff

Sees films – and only films -more than once a week and usually alone "I see all the art house Travels up to an hour films here"

A regular at three other venues

Been coming to Stamford Arts Centre for over six years

"I see most films even if I think I'm not going to like Favourite film: them" Mamma Mia

Types of film enthusiast

- Summit
 - Film as business
- Specialist
 - Strong preferences
 - Know a lot about the bits they like
 - Collectors
 - Dismissive of anything else
- Scattergun
 - Love to discover new films
 - See film as part of a varied and busy cultural life

UK Film Council Avid Cinema-goers study

Key points for audience development



Barriers

- Lack of interest
 Lack of time
- Cost

The real barrier

 Lack of interest Relevance derived from history, interests and cultural identity

 Cost
 Relevance (perceived value) except for low income groups

How to develop audiences

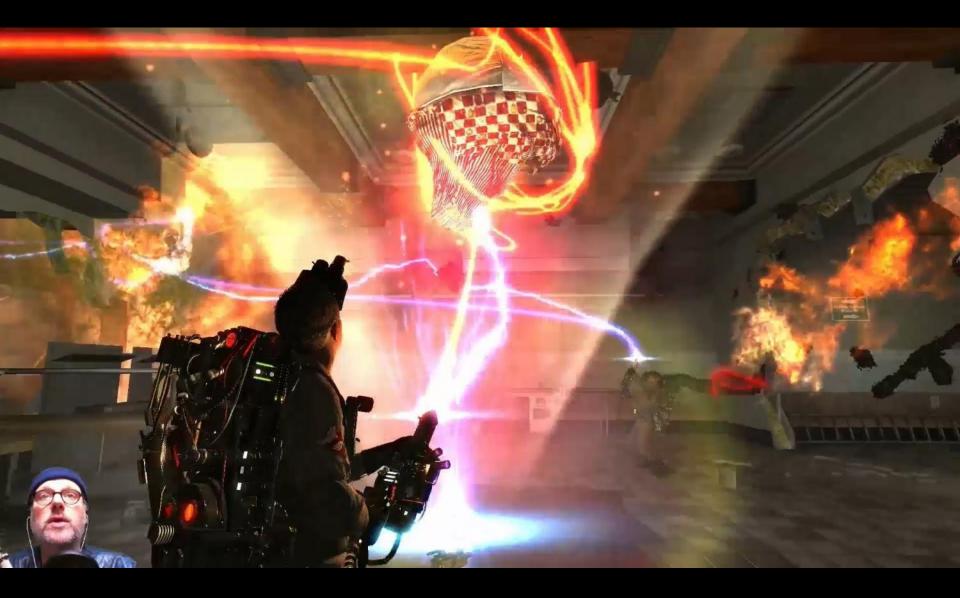
- The potential for growth:
 - General arts attenders
 - Multiplex audience
- So don't assume knowledge
- Tell them why they will enjoy seeing cultural film in your space
- Listen to your audience
- Have different conversations with different audiences
- Above all make film relevant

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QT5R9msiGXY

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