

Kathryn Bigelow has been a director, **producer** and **screenwriter** for over forty years. Since 1981, she has made many films in the action film **genre**, often **influenced** by Alfred Hitchcock. In 1987 she made *Near Dark*, which **combines** elements of the western and horror film genres, and the thriller *Point Break* in 1991. It wasn't until 2010, though, that she **achieved** greater **fame**, when she became the first woman to receive an Academy **award** for Best Director for *The Hurt Locker*. However, she has always refused to be called a 'woman **film-maker**'. She has also divided **critics**: some love her films, while others feel the **content** is too violent.



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GLOSSARY

producer	sb who is in charge of the practical and financial aspects of making a film	combine	join two or more things together to form a single one combination <i>n</i>
screenwriter	a person who writes the screenplay for a film: the written words that actors speak, the script ; and the instructions for how it is to be filmed and acted	fame	the state of being famous: achieve/win fame
genre	a particular type of film, art, music, etc. that you can recognise because of its special features	award	a prize or money that you give to sb who has done sth very well: <i>She won the award for best actress.</i>
influence	change the way that sb thinks influence <i>n</i>	film-maker	a person who makes films
		critic	a person who writes about a film, book or play, and says what they think about it
		content	the subject matter of a film, play, book, etc.

SPOTLIGHT **cinema**

A **cinema** [C] is the building where you go to see a film.

■ What's on at the **cinema** this weekend?

Cinema [U] means films in general; the film industry.

■ the history of French **cinema**

■ Alfonso Cuarón is a leading figure in Mexican **cinema**.

- 1 Is the word stress the same or different in the pairs of words? Write S or D. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ achieve / critic

D

1 critic / award

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2 film-maker / screenwriter

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3 influence / cinema

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4 combine / genre

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5 content *n* / screenplay

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- 2 Tick the words which describe people.

▶ film-maker



award



genre



critic



screenwriter



script



influence



producer



screenplay



- 3 Complete the sentences.

▶ I don't go to the cinema very often in summer; I prefer being outdoors.

1 In Brazil, the most popular _____ of films is action films.

2 Hugh Grant had been acting for years before he achieved _____ in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

3 I liked the film, but a lot of _____ said it was much too long.

4 I think Almodóvar has _____ young film directors all over the world.

5 *Green Book* won the _____ for Best Film at the Oscars in 2019.

6 The acting was good, but I didn't like the _____ of the film – it was all about war.

7 A romantic comedy is a _____ of humour and a love story.

8 Do you know very much about Russian _____?

9 The film _____ wonderful scenery with gentle music.

- 4 **ABOUT YOU** Write about your favourite film, or a film you've seen recently. Give as much detail as possible. Was it popular with the critics? Did it win any awards?



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