

60) Films

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
screenwriter	a person who writes the <i>script</i> for a film: the written words that actors speak, the <i>script</i> ; and the instructions for how it is to be filmed and acted	fame	the state of being famous: <i>achieve/win fame</i>
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	film-maker	a person who makes films
	influence n	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
 2 film-maker / screenwriter

3 influence / cinema
 4 combine / genre
 5 content n / screenplay

2 Tick the words which describe people.

► film-maker
 critic
 influence

award
 screenwriter
 producer

genre
 script
 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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