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Foreword

For all of us at the Film Museum, 2022 was a year to take a deep breath: out with the neverending low of the lockdown and in with a new era of exciting projects, new spaces, and inspiring collaborations.

What was probably our most important decision came at the start of the year: just in time for our 60th anniversary in 2024, the Film Museum will acquire a new site for storing and handling our collections. With mutual support from the City of Vienna and the Republic of Austria, a modern museum repository and digital lab will open on the grounds of the Arsenal in the third district, which will house our collections and technical studios. At this new location at the heart of an up-andcoming cultural district, we will conserve, restore, digitize, and research film and related materials including posters, photographs, paper documents, and personal archives. It was a great pleasure for me to present this project to the public in May 2022 alongside State Secretary Andrea Mayer and City Councilor Veronica Kaup-Hasler.

This past year we also saw a nice increase in our audience. Attendance was high for our major retrospectives of films by Ennio Morricone, Rakhshan Banietemad, Michael Haneke, Ulrike Ottinger, Martin Scorsese, Márta Mészáros, Hong Sangsoo, and Yoshida Kiju. The series Collection on Screen, which began in 2021 and makes it possible for us to present thematic and monographic glimpses into our film collection, was also very popular. It is great to see that after a historical low in 2021, the number of both members and spontaneous visitors went up steadily and

a new generation of filmgoers is enjoying our programming.

To make it easier to understand how our "film exhibitions" actually make it onscreen, we have adapted the "Peep Show #3" from our very popular lobby exhibition space onto pages 10 and 11.

It was also a very strong year for research and education: our colleagues lectured at many universities, including Rome's renowned Centro Sperimentale. We can thank our engaged and competent team for our reputation as the most important research and educational institute in Austria in all things film. In 2022 our staff received awards, took on new projects, and consulted on developing cultural and political concepts. Together with Leipzigbased press Spector Books and the Österreichisches Filminstitut, we conceived and published the book Picturing Austrian Cinema, an internationally acclaimed anthology that humorously subverts discussions around national cinemas, canons, and film history.

Everything that you can read on the following pages was made possible by your help as supporters and friends. On behalf of myself and our entire staff, I would like to extend our warmest thanks. A further thanks is due to the many, many collaborative partners who helped conceive and organize film screenings with us. The Film Museum may be a lighthouse in a murky streaming stew. It is not, however, an island or a bastion, but a living site for exchanges and encounters.

See you soon at the Film Museum. Michael Loebenstein

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Programs and Guests

After two years of pandemic-induced closings, in 2022 we could again screen films uninterrupted in our "Invisible Cinema" – audiences and guests returned in droves to attend events.

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

DIRK SCHAEFER To mark the release of the double LP *Dirk Schaefer: Peter Tscherkassky, All the Soundtracks* (2005–2021), in February we invited composer **Dirk Schaefer** [4] to listen to music and discuss "found sound" and his artistic approach.

MICHAEL HANEKE In collaboration with the Musikverein, in March and April we presented the work of Michael Haneke [5] to mark his 80th birthday.

KLUB ZWEI Since 1992 Simone Bader and Jo Schmeiser have collaborated as Klub Zwei at the intersection of art, film, and new media In collaboration with sixpackfilm, in March we showed a selection of their films.

HILDE BERGER/SUSANNA ZANKE/KÄTHE

KRATZ The new event series *Talks with* Women Film Pioneers (a collaboration with FC Gloria – Frauen Vernetzung Film and the University of the Arts in Linz) was launched in March with screenwriter, novelist, and actress Hilde Berger [9]. In October, we welcomed screenwriter and director Susanna Zanke [11], followed in December by author and director Käthe Kratz [10].

22 YEARS OF DOK.AT With a program of great Austrian documentaries, in April we celebrated 22 years of Austria's documentary guild dok.at. Filmmakers Ruth Beckermann, Goran Rebić, and Peter Schreiner [16] were all in attendance.

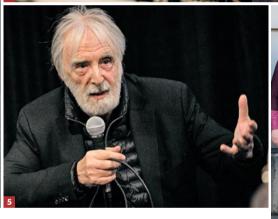
ULRIKE OTTINGER To celebrate the 80th birthday of feminist film pioneer, all-around artist, and world traveler **Ulrike Ottinger** [14], in May and June we showed all her films with her in attendance and accompanied by a masterclass.

HOMAGE TO FRIEDE GRAFE [13] For the opening of the series Carefree Conversation. With Frieda Grafe in Grand Hotels in May curators Karola Gramann and Heide Schlüpmann were at the Film Museum to present an eponymous new book from local press SYNEMA-Publikationen (edited by Karola Gramann, Ute Holl, and Heide Schlüpmann) along with contributors Friederike Horstmann and Sissi Tax as well as Brigitte Mayr and Michael Omasta (SYNEMA).

















MADELEINE BERNSTORFF The author and curator presented programs in May with and about works by artist Ella Bergmann-Michel (1895–1971), who worked with constructivist collage, the medium of photography, and film.

FLAMING EARS In collaboration with Phileas – The Austrian Office for Contemporary Art and the Kinothek Asta Nielsen, in May we celebrated the premiere of the restored version of Rote Ohren fetzen durch Asche (1991) with its director trio Ursula Pürrer, Dietmar Schipek, and Ashley Hans Scheirl [8] as well as many members of the film's crew in attendance.

THE "INVISIBLE CINEMA" 2022 32,199 visitors
in **701** screenings **4,144** members,

including **527** supporting members

PETER GOEDEL has been directing and producing for close to fifty years. **Michael Omasta** and **Brigitte Mayr** of **SYNEMA – Gesellschaft für Film & Medien** organized a screening of Goedel's films in August in the filmmaker's presence.

LAURA HUERTAS MILLÁN In collaboration

with sixpackfilm and Vienna Shorts, in

May we presented works by Colombian

ANGELA CHRISTLIEB & BLUEBLUT [3] In

another collaboration with sixpackfilm, in July

we launched our summer film program with

films by **Angela Christlieb**. The evening was

rounded out by both a Q&A with the director

and a Blueblut Concert (Pamela Stickney:

theremin; Mark Holub: drums; Chris Janka:

filmmaker Laura Heurtas Millán in two

In-Person programs.

KATRINA DASCHNER In September we presented a selection of films and videos by Katrina Daschner [15] in our *In-Person* series and in collaboration with the Kunsthalle Wien, where an exhibition of the artist's work was on display.

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PIERRE CLÉMENTI In September the directorial work of the actor and post-New Wave icon was presented by his son Balthazar Clémenti [12, with Alessandra Thiele and Christoph Huber].

GOTTFRIED BECHTOLD In October the Film Museum offered a rare opportunity to see the films of sculptor and multi-media artist Gottfried Bechtold [6] in his presence. The Austrian Film Museum was commissioned to produce new digitizations of his works on film

(part of the **Sammlung Generali Foundation** – on permanent loan to the Museum der Moderne in Salzburg).

HONG SANGSOO In November and December we dedicated a retrospective to the work of director **Hong Sangsoo** [1, with **Kim Minhee**]. To kick things off, we were pleased to welcome the filmmaker in person.

FILMS IN THE INVISIBLE CINEMA IN 2022

A total of **1,218** films shown **817** short films
including **509** from our own collection **401** feature films

including 173 from our own collection

SANJA IVEKOVIĆ To compliment **Sanja Iveković**'s [7] exhibition *Works of Heart* (1974–2022) at the **Kunsthalle Wien**, in November we showed an evening of her video works in the presence of the artist, who has been taking clear feminist and activist positions since the 1970s.

TIZZA COVI & RAINER FRIMMEL Vera by Tizza Covi and Rainer Frimmel [2, with Michael Loebenstein] caused a stir at the Venice International Film Festival and the Viennale. In December we held an exclusive screening of the film for our supporting members with the filmmakers in attendance.

PETER NESTLER is one of the most important working documentary filmmakers. In collaboration with **Navigator Film**, in December the filmmaker personally brought his most recent two-part film *Unrecht und Widerstand/Der offene Blick* to the Film Museum.

RINA LEBLHUBER (16); AFM/CHRISTOPH FINTL (3

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2022 Film Program

We believe films should be seen under the best possible theatrical conditions. We show films in their original language versions and whenever possible in their original formats (35mm and 16mm).



JANUARY / FEBRUARY

1/13 to 3/3 2022

Ennio Morricone / Unveiled. The Films of Rakhshan Banietemad / COS*: Kurosawa Akira / All the Soundtracks. Dirk Schaefer and Peter Tscherkassky / PREMIERE: Dear Darkness / THE AMOS VOGEL ATLAS 7: Continuity / WHAT IS FILM: Program 31–44



Michael Haneke / COS: Nouvelle Vague / Cinévardaphoto / Talks with Women Film Pioneers: Hilde Berger / COS: Claude Chabrol / IN PERSON: Klub Zwei / "Meine Reisen durch den Film". Book Presentation and Lecture Harry Tomicek / CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA FOR LITTLE ONES: Stillness and Movement / IN PERSON: Bogdan Dziworski / Life in Images. 22 Years of dok.at / COS: Erich von Stroheim (1) / THE AMOS VOGEL ATLAS 8: Female Subversion Is Here to Stay / WHAT IS FILM: Program 45–60



MAY / JUNE 5/3 to 6/30 2022

Ulrike Ottinger / Crossing Europe Presents / Feminist Cinema from Italy / CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA FOR LITTLE ONES: A Splash of Color / THE AMOS VOGEL ATLAS 6: Turning Points / With Frieda Grafe in Grand Hotels / COS: Western / COS: Lav Diaz (1) / Ella Bergmann-Michel / COS: We've Come a Long Long Way Together / FLOTSAM: Films from the Collection of the KPÖ / PREMIERE: Rote Ohren fetzen durch Asche (Flaming Ears) / Book Presentation: Nicolas Mahler - Romy Schneider / IN PERSON: Laura Huertas Millán / Symposium: Educational Film as Practice / When the Wind Blows / COS: Cinematic Postcards / WHAT IS FILM: Program 61–63



JULY / AUGUST 7/1 to 8/7 2022

COS: Music Films / IN PERSON: Angela
Christlieb & Blueblut / ARTISTIC RESEARCH
AT THE FILM MUSEUM: In Between Views:
Film Portraits / CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA
FOR LITTLE ONES: Let's Dance! / ImPulsTanz
Presents / THE AMOS VOGEL ATLAS 9:
Sound & Vision / Hommage to Peter Goedel



SCORSESE



VIENNEL FRANKISCH RETRISPENTE YOSHIDA KIJŪ

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HONG SANGSOO



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

9/1 to 10/20 2022

Martin Scorsese / Márta Mészáros /
CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA FOR LITTLE
ONES: The World In Pictures / IN PERSON:
Katrina Daschner / THE AMOS VOGEL
ATLAS 10: Medium & Event / Book Presentation: In memoriam Gerhard Jagschitz /
FLOTSAM: Educational Film Practice /
Pierre Clémenti / ARTISTIC RESEARCH AT
THE FILM MUSEUM: Vienna Queerstories /
COS: Gottfried Bechtold / TALKS WITH
WOMEN FILM PIONEERS: Susanne Zanke /
COS: Lav Diaz (2) / WHAT IS FILM:
Program 1–14

${\bf OCTOBER} \, / \, {\bf NOVEMBER}$

10/21 to 11/30 2022

Yoshida Kijū Eros, Anarchy, Anti-Cinema / Viennale at the Film Museum / Book
Presentation: Picturing Austrian Cinema / Hong Sangsoo – Early Works / COS:
RISE UP! / CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA FOR
LITTLE ONES: Stillness and Movement /
Joyce Wieland / THE AMOS VOGEL ATLAS 11:
Of Apes and Humans / IN PERSON: Sanja
Iveković / The World Day for Audiovisual
Heritage What is a Film Museum? / COS:
Le temps retrouvé / WHAT IS FILM:
Program 15–21

DECEMBER

12/1 2022 to 1/11 2023

Hong Sangsoo – New Works / COS:
Ansichten und Absichten / TALKS WITH
WOMEN FILM PIONEERS: Käthe Kratz /
CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA FOR LITTLE
ONES: Let's Dance! / Arne Sucksdorff /
COS: Len Lye / PREMIERE: Peter Nestler /
Johann Lurf: Stargazing in Cinema / COS:
Sandrine Veysset / Jonas Mekas A Centennial
Celebration / Christmas at the Film Museum:
The Wizard of Oz / THE AMOS VOGEL ATLAS
12: Chantal Akerman and Samy Szlingerbaum
/ WHAT IS FILM: Program 22–30



Regular Film Series

Our regular film series seek to deepen, question, and newly interpret film history and are often complemented by introductions and talks.

COLLECTION ON SCREEN

The series Collection on Screen critically and creatively explores our film collection, which spans over 20,000 titles and has been built up over half a century. Smaller and larger modules focusing on different topics or filmmakers offer opportunities to (re-)watch both classics and lesser-known films on the big screen. In 2022 we presented 16 Collection on Screen programs, including evenings devoted to the western genre, the late works of Claude Chabrol, and films from the French New Wave. Beginning with his epic Batang West Side, since 2022 we have devoted an ongoing Collection on Screen series to Filipino filmmaker Lav Diaz, whose work is preserved in our film collection.

AMOS VOGEL ATLAS

Born in Vienna to Jewish parents, Amos Vogel (1921–2012) emigrated to the United States, where he **revolutionized viewing habits** with his New York film club *Cinema 16*, which **showcased the widest possible variety of cinematic forms**. Since 2018, our series *Amos Vogel Atlas* brings back historic programs and presents new programs in the spirit of Amos Vogel. In 2022 we showed six chapters. The program *Female Subversion Is Here to Stay* focused on works by **Maya Deren, Sabine Marte**, and **Mara Mattuschka**.

FLOTSAN

In the series *Flotsam*, we present **examples of ephemeral films** and discuss them with the audience: archival finds, film documents, and unreleased and fragmentary film footage, which our scholars and curators have catalogued and explored as part of the museum's regular work. In May we showed **films from the collection of the Austrian Communist Party**, which were donated to the Austrian Film Museum's collection.

TALKS WITH WOMEN FILM PIONEERS

Together with Julia Pühringer and Wilbirg Brainin-Donnenberg (FC Gloria – Frauen Vernetzung Film), who conceived the series, we invite **Austrian women film pioneers** to in-depth workshop talks in the Film Museum, show selected films, and discuss their life and work in detail – a way of revising the male-dominated cannon. In 2022 we hosted screenwriter and actress **Hilde Berger** and authors and directors **Susanna Zanke** and **Käthe Kratz**.





Batang West Side (2001, Lav Diaz, top); Eine Minute Dunkel macht uns nicht blind (1987, Susanne Zanke)

CINEMINI ON TOUR: CINEMA FOR THE LITTLE ONES

In Cinemini on Tour film educators present film programs to children ages 3 and up and their families. The different programs are a thematically colorful mix: from Let's Dance! to A Splash of Color and The World in Images to Silence and Motion.

WHAT IS CINEMA - 63 PROGRAMS

To mark the 100th anniversary of cinema in 1996, Peter Kubelka created the cyclical program **What is Cinema**. According to Kubelka, the program defines, "using examples, film as a unique category of art, a tool that transmits new ways of thinking. In 63 programs, it offers a basic survey for young filmmakers and anyone else interested in taking the medium of film seriously."

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Film Museum on Location

In collaboration with other institutions at home and abroad, the Austrian Film Museum is regularly active at festivals, museums, universities, and other cultural institutes beyond our own four walls.



Michael Loebenstein and Anna Högner attend the 2022 FIAF congress at the Uránia National Film Theater in Budapest.

Our on Location events encompass a broad and diverse spectrum: besides film screenings that we organize "on location," our staff regularly lectures and presents the results of ongoing research projects at symposia, conferences, exhibition openings, and retrospectives. Films and other artifacts from our collection are also featured in many exhibitions elsewhere.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

JANUARY At the Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum, **Christoph Huber** was invited by Filmkollektiv Frankfurt to curate and present a retrospective entitled Austrian Mavericks – Eine andere österreichische Filmgeschichte. The international premiere of our restored version of Erich von Stroheim's 1919 film Blind *Husbands* took place at the International Festival of Film Preservation at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

FEBRUARY Paolo Caneppele delivered the keynote speech "Three Notes Towards a Home Movie Theory" during the international online symposium Fate of a Format: Small-Gauge Cinema in Post-War Italy - Format, Geopolitics, Institutions at the **University** of Udine.

MARCH Following a screening at the **Programmkino Wels** of Elfriede Irrall's super 8 film ums freiwerden hätte es ja gehen sollen (in the series Female Tracks), **Stefanie Zingl** provided a glimpse into research surrounding

APRIL At the Vienna City Library in Vienna City Hall, Günter Krenn introduced a screening of the TV movie *Die Bekehrung des* Ferdyš Pištora (ORF, 1964) as part of a program accompanying the exhibition *Griaß* eich die Madln, servas die Buam!

MAY At the International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Kevin Lutz reported on how programmers can access analogue film in the panel discussion Expanding the Collection. At the Museu de Serralves in Porto, Stefan **Huber** participated in the panel discussion

2022 GUEST APPEARANCES

We took part in 41 events (online and in person) and had a total of **5,940** visitors. In 2022, we participated

(online and in person) in events in Brazil, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States.

Film Education in Pre-Schools, Schools and Museums as part of the international workshop Cinemini Hands-On.

JUNE At Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen, Katharina Müller gave a guest lecture on Geheime Öffentlichkeiten und Medienräume – Zum Kuratieren audiovisueller Spuren at the symposium Kategorisierungen von Geschlecht und kulturelles Gedächtnis von LGBTIQ in Theorie, musealer Praxis und *Kunst.* / At the workshop *The Preservation* of Knowledge (organized by the Association des cinémathèques européenes) at the Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Janneke van Dalen and Nadja Šičarov discussed our project Share that Knowledge!

JULY At the Cinemateca Capitólio in Porto Alegre (Brazil), the Latin American premiere of our restoration of *Blind Husbands* (Erich von Stroheim, 1919) took place in the series Film als Objekt im Raum: A Look at Film Archives.

AUGUST Elisabeth Streit and Tom Waibel introduced films at an outdoor film retrospective at The Mauthausen Memorial focusing on the topic of "Jewish Resistance."

SEPTEMBER At the **Messner Mountain** Museum in Castle Firmian in South Tyrol, we presented our restoration of *Mit dem* Motorrad über die Wolken (Lother Rübelt, 1926). **Reinhold Messner** along with the Film Museum's Paolo Caneppele and Alessandra **Thiele** introduced the evening.

OCTOBER Andrea Pollach delivered the introductory remarks at the opening of the film series Made in Austria: Neuer österreichischer Film at the Museum for Art and Culture in

NOVEMBER Michael Loebenstein and Anna Högner attended the *Visual History of the* Holocaust conference at the Centre d'études des mondes russe, caucasian et centreeuropéen (CERCEC) in Paris and presented the results of their research.

DECEMBER During the Festival of Film Animation and Contemporary Art in Olmütz, Jurij Meden took part in the roundtable discussion A Few Observations on Preserving and Exhibiting Cinema in the Third Millennium.

Education

At the Austrian Film Museum film education comes in many forms; from our daily film screenings in the cinema to publications, lectures, and artist talks as well as translations of the cinematic experience into the educational realm.



Grabbing hold of cinema: enthusiastic kids attend our educational programs

With our wide-ranging educational programs for children and young adults, the Film Museum offers noteworthy explorations of the medium of film, its history, aesthetics. and various appearances. The programs are aimed at children in kindergarten and up between the ages of 3 and 18 as well as teachers.

After the Covid pandemic limited our educational programs mainly to online formats over the past two years, starting in March 2022 all our events for young people could take place in the "Invisible Cinema" without restrictions, especially our popular series for children **CINESCHOOL**.

Our annual continuing education program for teachers, **SUMMER SCHOOL**, got a makeover in 2022: in collaboration with filmmakers Christiana Perschon and Anna Spanlang, we added a practical exercise to our tried-andtrue film viewings and discussions: during the seminar's first three days, each participant had to film one shot inspired by the topic "portrait." Everyone watched and discussed the results together on the last day of the seminar.

Starting in April 2022 we launched all the offerings of the Creative Europe Project **CINEMINI** that we had previously only conceived or



programs. International workshops allowed us to discuss and build on the prior experiences of cinema owners, kindergarten students, film educators, and experts from across Europe.

For the first time in the history of the Austrian Film Museum, we also offered individual family events: under the title Cinemini on **Tour** since April 2022 we have been showing monthly short film programs for children ages 3 and up and their families. These are accompanied by conversations with the children and kid-friendly activities moderated by expert film educators. Our collaborators at Vienna's public libraries, Stadtkino Wien, Programmkino Wels, Leokino Innsbruck, and

tested to a very limited degree and organized

many events with five kindergarten classes in

With **ENCOUNTER RWF**, in 2022 we participated in a new project: in collaboration with the Rainer Werner Fassbinder Archive in Frankfurt am Main and the DFF-Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum, we developed concepts to familiarize young adults with the work and archives of Rainer Werner Fassbinder. The "Vienna Part" of this project concentrated on exploring Fassbinder's TV KIZ Royal Kino in Graz also co-presented these series Eight Hours Don't Make a Day 1972–73).

Research and Education

As a scholarly institution, the Austrian Film Museum researches film in all its dimensions - its past and present as well as its continuation in other media. We oversee leading international research projects and are in high demand as a partner for scholarly projects at others institutions.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2022

Now in it is final phase, for the past three years we have co-organized the Horizon 2022 EU project Visual History of the Holocaust: Rethinking Curation in the Digital Age in partnership with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Digital History and a consortium of 12 partners from Austrian, German, Israeli, and French research institutes, museums, and memorial sites. As of late 2022 we have supervised the digitization of over 65 hours of archival film footage and prepared it for curation on the project's platform.

The regular film series Cinemini on Tour developed out of the Creative Europe Project Cinemini Europe, which we supported with our expertise on film education. The series is an opportunity for the Film Museum (and a rotating group of other cinemas) to present monthly programs of short films to children ages 3 and up and their families.

The three-year BMKÖS-supported research project Share that Knowledge! Finding Strategies for Passing on Knowledge across Generations of Audiovisual Archivists is now approaching its final phase: 2023 will see the publication of a handbook for practical use in memory institutions, presenting guidelines cataloguing and passing on archivists' knowledge about the collections they work with. Under the Film Museum's guidance, the project involved colleagues from 13 audiovisual archives from around the world.

The MA7 Wissenschaft-supported research project Detritus of Evolution: The Peter Kubelka Collection pursues the question of what "silent" or tacit knowledge is contained within Kubelka's extensive collection of cultural objects.

NEW PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2022

Reel Adventures: The Austrian Film Museum holds an extensive collection of films shot in Vienna by private individuals between the 1920s and 1990s. We will use digital technologies to upload these unique sources of history and everyday culture to a user-friendly, publiclyaccessible online platform so that they can be experienced in relation to places, historical events, technical and social developments, and the personal histories of the amateur filmmakers behind them. The project is





Online platform of the research project Visual History of the Holocaust (top); strategies for spreading knowledge: Share that Knowledge!

supported by the Culture&Technology program of the Wirtschaftsagentur Wien.

The research project Visual History of LGBTIQ+ in Austria and Beyond: Preserving and Curating Queer Ephemeral Media Spaces in an Age of Datafication is the first ever analysis of audiovisual ephemeral self-documentation (home movies, amateur films,

ments, campaign videos) of the LGBTIQ+ The project is supported by the FWF – Der Wissenschaftsfonds (Elise Richter Program) and organized in collaboration with the IFK -International Research Centre for Cultural Studies at the University of the Arts in Linz.

films documenting political and social movecommunity in and with connections to Austria.









Reel Adventures studies private film footage (Die Stadt, 1929, Friedrich Kuplent, top left; Aus dem Fenster geschaut, 1985, Josef Kolar, top right); audiovisual history of the LGBTIQ+ community (Badezimmer, 1996, Sabine Schwaighofer, left): Head of Research Katharina Müller receiving her award.

In addition to providing an audiovisual history of the daily life and political movements of the LGBTIQ+ community, the project will also develop curatorial strategies for teachers. Katharina Müller, head of the Film Museum's Research/Education/Publications department, received the Pride Biz Research Prize (funded by the Wiener Städtische Versicherung) for her essay Secret Publics: Preserving and Curating Audiovisual Traces of LGBTIQ+ Self-Documentation in Austria and Beyond, which is part of the research project.

UNIVERSITY COURSES

We continue to pursue two focal points: film curatorship (basic questions about the skills needed for educating and curating) and artistic research (the practice of artistic and scholarly explorations of film and moving

images). In collaboration with experts and artists, we support the exploration and examination of our collection and holdings, acting as a discursive space and venue for ideas.

In addition to an extensive teaching partnership with the University of Vienna (Institute for Theater, Film and Media Studies), we are involved in close artistic and scholarly collaborations with the Filmakademie Wien (lectures on film history), the **University of Applied Arts** Vienna (Department of Applied Photography and Time-Based Media), the IFK - International

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION EVENTS 2022

77 events in cinema **32** events on location 7 events online with a total of 3,752 participants

Research Centre for Cultural Studies at the University of the Arts in Linz, the Merz Akademie/University of Applied Arts, Design and Media, Stuttgart (colloquium on art and film theory), the Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia in Rome (conservation and preservation of audiovisual history), and the University of Udine (research on film sources and archives).

In 2022 the results of our **artistic research** collaboration were presented in the "Invisible Cinema" with the artists from the **Department** of Applied Photography and Time-Based Media of the University of Applied Arts Vienna: under the title VIENNA QUEERSTORIES, we discussed ephemeral films and videos made by the LGBTIQ+ community over the past decade and considered the possibilities of updating queer visual history in light of the gaps caused by prohibitive laws and state repression which were in place until the 1990s.

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How an Exhibition Makes It Onto the Screen

In 2022 we presented the work of our archivists in the small display case area next to the lobby in the Albertina: what preparations are needed before and after a screening so that a film can be shown in the cinema?

The Austrian Film Museum is committed to showing works of film history primarily in their original formats and in the best-available prints. Regardless of whether the prints come from our own collection or other international cinematheques and archives, a lot of preparation work is necessary before the films appear on the screen.

About one-fourth of the museum's staff work with and on the film collection, which includes inspecting the content and condition of films for cataloguing and conservation, distribution and digitization, restoration, and assisting researchers, filmmakers, and fellow cinematheques.

1 A single reel of 35mm sound film generally has a running time of 15 to 20 minutes. This means that a feature film can quickly add up to six large reels. An entire film print can weigh around 25kg or more.

Before being projected, each reel must be closely examined. This involves a basic check of the language version and the print's completeness as well as a very detailed inspection. including identifying damage, color shifts, and the degree to which the print may have shrunk.

2 Film stock that was manufactured at certain times can fade. In such cases, we may no longer consider a print fit for projection in the Film Museum. Another sign of degradation is shrinkage. If the print shrinks beyond a certain point, it can no longer be safely run through a projector because it may cause damage to the perforations, which transport the film.

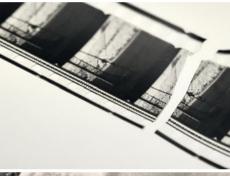
Film stock is fragile and can tear under certain amounts of stress. This is another reason it must be closely inspected. Even the smallest tears on the edges of a print can lead to a major tear in projection and interrupt a screening. To prevent this, an archivist runs the entire film between their fingers, carefully looking for tears and precisely repairing them.

3 Every bit of damage – from existing tears down to the smallest scratches – are noted with as much detail as possible on a film inspection sheet. This sheet also contains the most important information for the screening: projection speed, aspect ratio, and sound format.

Sometimes, multiple prints of the same film tape are added during inspection that leave









are available. In such cases, it is important to determine which one looks best and is in the best condition. Differences can be obvious. such as damage like scratches or other marks, but they can also be more subtle: weaker or stronger details, contrast, and color balance. Identifying the best print for the best-looking screening often requires a pair of sharp eyes and the entirety of an archivist's experience.

4 Since films consist of multiple reels shown alternately on two projectors, it is important to identify and describe so-called "changeover cues" so the projectionist knows when to change from one reel to the next. If changeover cues are missing, small, removeable strips of

no mark on the print and serve the same purpose.

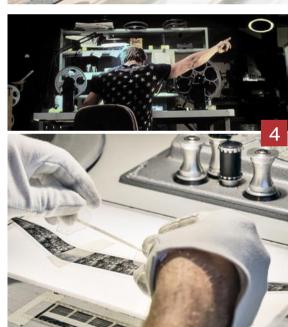
5 Monday through Friday, the museum's driver drives back and forth between the archive and the cinema in the center of the city to deliver films for the evening screenings.

6 After this preparation work, it falls to the evening staff – projectionists and theatre managers – to take the film print and information on the inspection sheet and provide the audience with the best possible projection. The projectionist rewinds each of the reels from its plastic core onto projection reels.

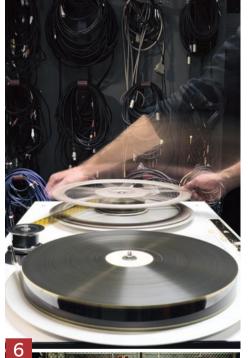
Following the information on the inspection sheet, the projectionist chooses the correct

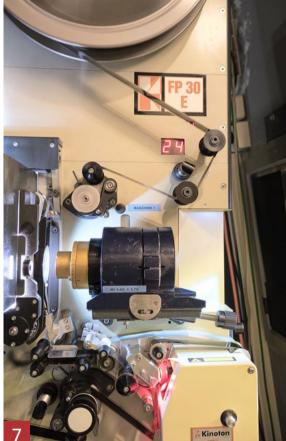












lens and selects the proper sound format on the sound processor.

An aperture plate in the projector's gate prevents the soundtrack and unwanted parts of the image from appearing onscreen. Screen masking set by the theatre manager as precisely as possible covers up any resulting shadows and gives the picture sharp edges.

After a short test projection on both machines during which the theatre manager adjusts the film's approximate volume, the projectionist rewinds the film and threads the projectors for the actual screening. Now everything is ready for the audience and the screening can begin.

The day after the screening, the print returns to the archive where it is again inspected for possible new damage and added changeover cues are removed residue-free. If there are no additional screenings, the print is brought back to its location in the vault or returned to its lender. Meanwhile, the archivists prepare the films for the following days for one of the more than 600 screenings a year.

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Collections

It will soon be 60 years that we have been caring for an ever-expanding exhibition and research collection of works on film that illustrates the value of moving images as an essential artistic, historical and cultural document. We also collect and preserve photographs, posters, paper documents, and other materials related to film.

Last year the Austrian Film Museum could initiate a major change toward modernization and sustainability: since 2010 we have been looking for an alternative space for our museum's storage facility in the 19th district, which is now in need of a lot of renovation work. In the fall of 2024 the Film Museum will move into its new space at the Arsenal. "Filmmuseum LAB" will establish a center of expertise for film conservation and archiving, inspection and digitization, and study and education on the grounds of the ART for ART Theaterservice GmbH in the center of a growing cultural hub. This will allow us to offer artists, researchers, and our other partners in education and culture a centralized location in Vienna for working with film, carrying out digitization projects, and actively integrating both analogue and digital moving images into their creative and educational work.

FILM COLLECTION

Our own film catalogue is at the core of the Austrian Film Museum's film collection. New acquisitions in 2022 included prints of films by Michael Haneke donated by Wega Film and purchased from Stadtkino Verleih, the collection of film collector Peter A. Schauer donated by Peter Grabher, and audiovisual materials from **Richard Koszarski**'s Stroheim collection.

RESTORATION Thanks to the ongoing support of the Art and Culture Section of the BMKÖS and the City of Vienna, as well as ongoing third-party projects, we now have our own tools for every step of digital restoration (scanning, image restoration, long-term storage, and the creation of projection elements). In 2022 our main focus was the work of Tomislav Gotovac (in collaboration with the Croation Film Association) and we began work on restorations of Wienfilm 1896/1976 (Ernst Schmidt jr., 1977) and Wonders of the Sea (John Ernest Williamson, 1922).

DIGITIZATION AND DIGITAL STORAGE For

film prints in our own collection or from the collections of organizations and filmmakers with whom we work, digitization is often the only way to make now fragile material accessible in a new form to filmgoers. One



The site of the future Filmmuseum LAB at the Arsenal

example is *Lemminge* (1979) by **Michael** Haneke, which only survived as a TV broad-

Digitization focal points in 2022: works by **Thomas Korschil** (commissioned by Thomas Korschil and supported by BMKÖS) • short films by Gottfried Bechtold (commissioned by the Generali Foundation and Gottfried Bechtold) • *Toilette* (1979) by Friederike Pezold • films by Virgil Widrich and Martin **Reinhart** • films from the collection of the Municipal and Provincial Archives of Vienna and **educational films** from the collections of the Film Museum and other institutions including the Österreichisches Volkshochschularchiv and the Technical University Vienna (as part of the University of Vienna

ANALOGUE FILM COLLECTION

24,477 film titles A total of **35,338** film elements. **1,353** new acquisitions in 2022

DIGITAL FILM COLLECTION

1,299 TB of data listed in the database **194 TB** of new acquisitions in 2022 and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Digital History joint research project **Practices of** Educational and Training Films in Austria).

CONSERVATION Using photochemical printing methods, we were able to preserve and make new 16mm prints of several early works by James Benning that were not yet part of the Film Museum's collection and were no longer publicly accessible.

Alongside our collection of film prints, the Austrian Film Museum also ensures the longterm, media-appropriate conservation of born-digital film works. In 2022, for the BMKÖS and in line with our concept for long-term digital storage, we acquired twelve digital works funded by Innovative Film Austria, twice as many as in 2021, the first year in which we began to secure these holdings systematically.

AMATEUR FILM Since the late 1960s our archive has acquired donations and deposits of amateur film footage and family films. Small-gauge formats have received increasing attention from scholars and are valuable historical sources. In 2022 we received 48 films by computer pioneer Heinz Zemanek, who shot films together with his wife Maria

Assumpta Zemanek. In 1955 Zemanek built the "Mailüfterl," the first computer at the Technical University of Vienna. One film records the computer's later relocation. We also have a long-term and close collaboration with the Klub der Kinoamateure Österreich and individual members have given their

DEPOSITS In addition to our own film catalogue and donations, we also preserve (digital and film) works by a large number of independent filmmakers and related institutions. In 2022 works by Antoinette Zwirchmayer, Goran Rebić, Friedl vom Gröller, Lisa Truttmann, and Thomas Korschil entered our vault.

films, partly as bequests, to the Film Museum.

FILM-RELATED COLLECTION

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2022 saw the acquisition of American film historian Richard Koszarski's extensive and valuable collection of historical documents (papers, photos, film reviews) from the life and work of Viennaborn Hollywood director and actor Erich von Stroheim (1885-1957). The Richard Koszarski -

Erich von Stroheim Collection represents a treasure of film history, and the Film Museum will make it accessible and present it in the next few years. We have long ties to Erich von Stroheim: since 1966 his films have regularly been shown at the Film Museum (most recently in April 2022 in our series Collection on Screen) and presented in the form of books and DVD editions.

FILM-RELATED COLLECTION

More than **500,000** objects in total

Paper Collection A total of **26,500** folders, including **45** new entries in 2022 c. **700** pre-existing folders complemented by new material

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A total of **29,500** folders, including **180** database entries

Digital Image Collection A total of ca. **66,000** files (250 GB) **250** new scans from the collection

New entries in 2022: **1,100** files / **17 GB** (Digital catalogue of film stills and guest photos) Kybernetik und IBM (1960, Heinz Zemanek, top left); Toilette (1979, Friederike Pezold, top right); Digitization of Trigon 71 (Gottfried Bechtold, 1971)

We completed processing the archive of filmmaker **Gustav Deutsch** who passed away in 2019 and was a close friend of ours for many years. His archive contains many photographs, production materials, autographs, and more. The archive of director Georg Lhotsky (1937–2016), whose feature film debut Moos auf den Steinen (1968), a precursor to New Austrian Cinema, joined our collection and will be processed in the coming years.

Especially important as well is a small but wonderful donation from American curator Ralph McKay of materials related to **Jonas** Mekas and Kurt Kren. It is notable how many autographs, letters, and personal notes are included.

PHOTO COLLECTION The trade journal *ray* Filmmagazin gave us around 1,000 slides from films from the 1990s to 2005 that we will digitize and archive. An additional collection of approx. 20,000 slides was processed, sorted, and prepared for digitization. This way, 8,492 slides of film scenes and actors from the 1980s and 1990s can be added to our photo database in 2023. Despite their age, the slides are in excellent physical condition.

POSTER COLLECTION The Kunsthalle Bonn borrowed several posters from our collection for its exhibition Ridiculously Yours! Art, Awkwardness and Enthusiasm, which will also be on view at the Halle für Kunst in Graz starting in October 2023.

PAPER COLLECTION In 2022 we completed our survey of our entire collection of international film festival catalogues. The results of this work will be published on our website. Interest among film researchers for such publications has steadily risen over the past few years, not least through the field of film festival studies, which we can now support with this offering.

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Library and Publications

The Film Museum's library holds the most extensive film-specific collection in Austria. We also regularly publish books and DVD editions.











DVDs and books published in 2022: Loring Vogel, son of the legendary Amos Vogel, visiting our library team Elisabeth Streit and Tom Waibel

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

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Artists, authors, and researchers are the core visitors using our reading room for research as well as exchanging ideas. Simon Lässig from Berlin, Laura Schreiner, Bernhard Bilek, and Hanja Dämon from Vienna, and Alex Whelan from New York, to name only a few, all used the reading room for long periods as a place to deepen their knowledge and as a creative haven. When Loring Vogel, Amos Vogel's youngest son, visited us in September 2022, he was astounded by the broad scholarly and historical spectrum of our users' research activities and was glad that his father's books receive such appreciation and love in the reading room. The Amos Vogel Library encompasses over 8,000 books. Hangjun Lee, a curator and artist from South Korea, told us during a visit how much the book Film as a Subversive Art has marked generations of

South Korean artists. Everyone who comes here promises to visit again. And we look forward to next time

Historian Peter Grabher gave us the archive of Peter A. Schauer (1930–2018) after Schauer passed away. In 2022 we finished inventorying his books and indexing his personally printed writings: all titles are now in the library catalogue and can be used in the reading room.

LIBRARY

A total of **20,649** books **585** new titles in 2022

A total of **431** periodicals

(over **150,000** single issues) **112** new issues in 2022 **207** external users

1,242 titles consulted in 2022 **AMOS VOGEL LIBRARY**

8,089 books listed in the database

tion represent his multi-faceted, unconventional collecting activities, from rarities on film and cinema technology to literature. A particular bibliographic treasure is the first catalogue raisonné compiled for the over 60 brochures Schauer made himself, many of which he self-published. His publications are highly idiosyncratic and, although they sometimes fail to cite their sources, have contributed to rediscovering films thought lost as well as reevaluating political film work whose context had been forgotten. Peter A. Schauer's archive is therefore a piece of "counter history" in 20th century Viennese film scholarship.

The scope of the in total 363 titles in his collec-

PUBLICATIONS IN 2022

The book **Ansichten und Absichten: Texte über populäres Kino und Politik** by Austrian film theorist and writer Drehli Robnik and edited by Alexander Horwath for the series FilmmuseumSynemaPublikationen brings together 25 texts selected from three decades: essays from pop and film magazines, historical and analytic studies, and examples of Robnik's lecture activities. The Film Museum hosted the book launch and an accompanying film screening in December 2022.

Edited by Katharina Müller and Claus Philipp, Picturing Austrian Cinema was published by Spector Books in a German and English edition: 100 commentaries on 99 films by writers, artists, and journalists from the fields of criticism, film theory, and scholarship sketch a topography of Austrian cinema between features, experimental films, and documentaries. The Film Museum hosted the book release on October 26, 2022 as part of the Viennale.

We released a **DVD** of the first major epic by director Lav Diaz as part of Edition Filmmuseum: Batang West Side (2001) is a powerful snapshot of the Filipino diaspora in New York and New Jersey. The DVD includes a 20-page bilingual booklet in German and English with Lav Diaz's essay *The Aesthetic* Challenge of Batang West Side, a conversation between Christoph Huber and Jurij Meden, and a short essay by Eva Sangiorgi on *The Boy* Who Chose the Earth (a short film also featured on the DVD). Fantastic synergy: Lav Diaz's work is also in the collection of the Austrian Film Museum.

Films and Collections Online

The Austrian Film Museum posts curated parts of its collection online to make them available to scholars, students, and other interested parties. These include films as well as other artifacts related to film including photos, posters, and documents ranging from written notes to film reviews.







Unpacking the "Richard Koszarski -Erich von Stroheim Collection" (top left); Movie poster of The Devil's Pass Key (1920, Erich von Stroheim, top right); Scientific film from the Konrad Lorenz Deposit

Our website does not only provide information about our film program, it also offers ongoing supplemental information to all our activities. We regularly post **reading recommendations** related to our current film programs and our blog, Following Film, also offers articles and exciting additional information about program focal points and current topics.

We give special attention to publishing parts of our collection. The most extensive new acquisition in 2022, which we presented online in September, was the **Richard**

Koszarski - Erich von Stroheim Collection. The Film Museum is now home to an important collection regarding the legendary Austrian-American director, actor, and author Erich von Stroheim (1885–1957). For Stroheim researchers, the collection compliments the large partial archives in Los Angeles (Margaret Herrick Library) and Paris (Cinémathèque française). The collection will be processed and indexed by our staff in the coming years. Our goal is to present the collection to the public as an online, digitally accessible study collection by late 2024, just like our Dziga Vertov Collection and Michael Haneke

Collection. We also plan to start a sponsoring project in 2023 to help catalogue the Erich von Stroheim Collection and purchase (newly restored) films by Stroheim.

An additional, steadily growing part of our website provides glimpses into the film **collection** and features films that the Film Museum received as donations or deposits after they are catalogued and archived, even if they are (still) not part of a larger digitization, research, or publication project or in the program of the "Invisible Cinema." In 2022, we uploaded films from the **Konrad Lorenz Deposit**, the film archive of behavioral scientist Konrad Lorenz (1903–1989). This collection, which primarily consists of scientific films made between the 1930s and the 1980s, also allows for a historical and critical examination of the theory and practice of ethology.

FILM ONLINE

1,132 films/extracts online, with a total of **9,506** minutes

Earlier glimpses into the film collection were dedicated to the Animation Class of the University of Applied Arts Deposit, the Eumig Museum Deposit, the Julius Meinl Deposit, the TU Wien Deposit, and the KPÖ Donation.

Talking about films and their contexts is a central component of our work as a museum. Talks with filmmakers and lectures by critics and scholars who were our guests can be viewed on our website and our YouTube Channel. In 2022 we uploaded talks with Ulrike Ottinger, Susanne Zanke, and Käthe Kratz.

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