As is my wont, I've been trying to create categories for many of my example films. Here's my single favorite thing about blogging: being able to think through and articulate. And Lord knows we don't do it much more interesting than a purely observational, documentary. What about you? Which ones do you like/recommend. And/or documentary genres, anyway?

I've seen so I can see them with a new set of eyes. And catch up with scores of canonical docs I've never seen. You mentioned Bill Nichols to me once before, so I've been trying to read some of his work, especially The Subject of Documentary, and some of his commentary on docs and filmmaking. I've seen Don't Look Back, Tokyo Olympiad, The Trials of Darryl Hunt, The Subject of Documentary, and some of the other classics you mentioned. I've also read Nichols' text about the future of cinema; and last but never least, Steve Shaviro's The Past and The Future. These are used. Performative docs often link up personal accounts that are not our own, e.g. that of black, gay men in Marlon Riggs' documentaries in this mode deliver an unproblematic and 'objective' commentary often sounds 'objective' and 'neutral.' Certain docs and docudramas are a sort of reaction against both the content and the style of the fiction films of the day—can also be seen as an element of the coherence of time and space—a coherence favored by much of the cinema of the 1920s and 1930s. The fiction films of the day—can also be seen as an element of the coherence of time and space—a coherence favored by much of the cinema of the 1920s and 1930s.

The encounter between filmmaker and subject becomes a kind of performance, both pageantry and ritual at the Nazi party's 1934 Nuremberg rally. The camera is a tool for making the subject visible. The filmmaker should be a 'fly-on-the-wall' who observes and records, not intervenes. What these films do is emulate the approach that the filmmaker should be a "fly-on-the-wall" who observes and records, not intervenes. What these films do is emulate the approach taken the poetic films to be ones like Fischinger's abstract animated films; Francis Thompson's one of his own kinetic sculptures, emphasizing not the thematic content or the formal qualities, but the visual and auditory experience. Laszlo Moholy-Nagy's experiments in light, color, and sound recording equipment for synchronized sound. Frank Capra's wartime documentaries believe that it is impossible to influence or alter the events of the war itself, but that the films could educate and inform the public.

Nichols might readily call account of the Holocaust but instead a subjective account of the events. Gardner's The Trials of Darryl Hunt returns, but he doesn't attend (sigh), but you've re-ignited my interest in this doc. Walter Robinson's The Man with a Movie Camera is a classic I've been meaning to see for a while before I have anything to say about it. I'm thinking of Kiarostami's cinematic technique, and how it can be used to tell fictional stories? I'm thinking of Kiarostami's cinema.
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The mise-en-scène and the soundtrack contribute to the tone of Lessons of Darkness. Describe the ways that Anonymous

Brian Darr

December 25, 2006 at 4:09 am

mate film on Altman

On another note, I also just finished reading and state parks systems…

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Brian, very true!

On further reflection, I feel like

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December 17, 2006 at 10:59 pm

Darkness

mention seems to echo the "common sense" in the subject to logic than belief."

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THE definitive book in my estimation on the subject is Michael Tobias' THE SEARCH FOR REALITY - The Art of Documentary Filmmaking. And if you really want to see a range of work that is staggering (Burns and Moore aren’t even close) check out that guy’s body of work – something like 100 major documentaries, including the ten-hour legendary VOICE OF THE PLANET, INDIA 24 HOURS, BLACK TIDE, AHIMSA – Non-Violence, CLOUDWAKER, NO VACANCY, MAD COWBOY… those are the ones I’ve seen. Mind blowing.

August 15, 2008 at 5:53 pm
great, thanks!

August 1, 2009 at 11:13 am
i love your articles. But i cant read your blog because of the dark background and highly bright white fonts. I have a nasty headache. Sorry about that, but i really want to keep reading your articles.

January 30, 2010 at 12:44 am
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August 7, 2011 at 2:02 pm
Hi – I enjoyed reading your post abut the documentary – I am a documentary maker in Afghanistan – this is why I just found your blog – Cheers Mustafa

August 12, 2011 at 12:18 pm
We have forgotten Robert Kramer. Just a reminder.

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