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**FILMHOUSE RECOMMENDS // ISSUE 41**

Summary: This week we recommend films *Frances Ha*, *The Imperalists Are Still Alive*, *Frida Kahlo*, *Cleo from 5 to 7* and *Science Fair*. We recommend the book The Vanishing Half. We recommend the podcast Who Is She? From the Bechdel Test Fest, Senior Selection’s *Citizen Kane* Watch Party and BFI’s film programme The Female Gaze, All Ways.

Did you know? Last year, women only comprised **21%** of all directors, writers, producers, executive producers, editors and cinematographers on the top 100 grossing films ([Centre for the Study of Women in TV & Film](https://womenintvfilm.sdsu.edu/research/#:~:text=Women%20accounted%20for%2018%25%20of,2019%20and%208%25%20in%202018.&text=By%20role%2C%20women%20accounted%20for,the%20top%20250%20grossing%20films.)). This month is Women's History Month and with **International Women's Day** only days away (March 8th), we are highlighting women filmmakers to readdress the balance!

From a new take on artist Frida Kahlo and Greta Gerwig's endearing screenwriting, to Agnès Varda's New Wave, this issue is full of daring, joyful and women-fuelled cinema delights to celebrate International Women's Day. Let us know what you enjoy and don't forget to celebrate the amazing women in your life!

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Love, the Filmhouse team x

**WATCH**

**Frances Ha (2013) // Co-written by
and starring Greta Gerwig**

**Marketing Assistant: Ellie**

"As Frances' life seemingly falls apart, her unbreakable spirit, wit and creativity carries her, leaping and bounding, to discover her own personal spin on happiness. Greta Gerwig fills Frances with an infectious joy and her and Sophie's strength of friendship steals the show!"

[Watch on BFI Player](https://player.bfi.org.uk/rentals/film/watch-frances-ha-2012-online)

**The Imperalists Are Still Alive (2010) // Written and directed by Zeina Durra**

**Edinburgh Cinema Club: Isobel**

"Ziena Durra shines as an original female voice in independent cinema! This is a clever portrayal of the inherited trauma Middle Eastern descendants grapple with in post 9/11 NYC shot on gritty 16mm, told through an accessible, albeit paranoid, girl meets boy narrative."

[Watch on MUBI](https://mubi.com/films/the-imperialists-are-still-alive)

**Frida Kahlo (2021) // Directed by Ali Ray**

**Education Coordinator: Chloe**

"I miss museums, but while we wait for them to reopen we can turn to great art documentaries! Frida Kahlo, as part of [Exhibition on Screen](https://exhibitiononscreen.com/films/frida-kahlo/), takes you on a journey through the artist’s life. The film gives an in-depth biographical, socio-political and art historical context to her work. A great resource for any art lovers!"

[Watch on Curzon Home Cinema](https://www.curzonhomecinema.com/film/watch-exhibition-on-screen-frida-kahlo-film-online)

**Cléo from 5 to 7 (1962) // Written and directed by Agnès Varda**

**The Debutante Journal: Rachel & Molly**

"A 1960s French Left Bank film, following young singer Cléo. The opening sequence, featuring tarot cards, reminds us of our issue 03 call for contributors, as well as interrogating the view of how women should “be” in French society. Naturally, we believe there are no prescribed ways for women to be behave or belong!"

[Watch on Curzon Home Cinema](https://www.curzonhomecinema.com/film/CRZ_CLEO_FROM_5_TO_7)

[Find out more about Edinburgh-based Feminist-Surrealist arts journal The Debutante and find out how to pitch your ideas for their Issue 03!](https://www.thedebutante.online/)

**Science Fair (2018) // Darren Foster, Cristina Costantini**

**Education Recommends**

British Science Week starts this Friday! Celebrate science, technology, engineering and maths with Science Fair - a heart-warming and engaging documentary about 9 high school students from around the world who are competing at an international science fair. The film is always a huge hit with our schools' audiences.

[Learn more about STEM with their activity packs for early years, primary and secondary!](https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/activity-packs/)

**BOOK CLUB**

**The Vanishing Half // Brit Bennett**

**Head of Development: Juliet**

I loved this book! The Vanishing Half follows the lives of the Vignes sisters - identical twins who grow up in a small, Southern black community and run away at age sixteen. More than a decade later they are living completely different lives - one sister has returned to the town she grew up in, and the other is passing as white, with a white husband who knows nothing about her past.

This is a really complex, powerful, beautiful and poignant book, which deserves all of the hype it's been getting.

**Many bookshops in Edinburgh will order in books in that you request - here's some great bookshops you can support!**

[Lighthouse Book Shop](https://lighthousebookshop.com/)●[Golden Hare Books](https://goldenharebooks.com/) ● [Transreal Fiction](http://www.transreal.co.uk/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) ● [The Portobello Bookshop](https://theportobellobookshop.com/shop/) ● [The Edinburgh Bookshop](https://www.edinburghbookshop.com/) ● [Topping & Company](https://www.toppingbooks.co.uk/)
[Armchair Books](https://www.armchairbooks.co.uk/) ● [Blackwells](https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/home%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**ACTIVITIES**

**Who is She? Bechdel Test Podcast, Celebrating Women in Film**

Bechdel Test Fest are back with a newly revamped podcast series for 2021, celebrating women in film, with past guests including *Shirley's* Josephine Decker and *The Souvenir's* Joanna Hogg!

Listen to their latest episode with Cathy Yan, the rapidly rising filmmaker behind *Birds of Prey* and *Dead Pigs*!

[Listen to the podcast!](https://open.spotify.com/show/2r16QMqWBMX2OMBg2Gi8Mz?si=lCxJJCYDTHmlaahuUT2o3Q&nd=1)

**Join us for a Citizen Kane Watch Party!**

There is less than a week until our next Senior Sections at Home screening. Don't miss it as we watch Orson Welles' breathtaking masterpiece Citizen Kane!

Come and join our virtual film club for the **over-60s**. The film screens FREE on [BBC iPlayer](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0074n82/citizen-kane), but tickets for the event are limited. Book yours soon!

[Book Your Tickets](http://bit.ly/FH-SeniorSel-CitizenKane)

**The Female Gaze, All Ways**

Discover this unique selection of the female gaze in world cinema, specially curated for BFI by Birds' Eye View, the pathfinder for films by women!

With Filmhouse favourites including Céline Sciamma, Chloé Zhao and and Haifaa al-Mansour, as well as FREE film picks, this is a really exciting collection!

[Browse the film selection](https://player.bfi.org.uk/reclaim-the-frame?_m_utk=5dfe76c24a339c7e0aa4894530407d77)

**OFFERS**

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