# Audiovisual Interpretation of Reality

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#### 7. LECTURE

# STYLISATION AND GENRES

### Before the creative process:

To choose relationship to reality.

### To take a stand to

- Reality
- Process
- Topic
- Character (concrete person)

### TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

# **RESPONSIBILITY TO**

- Myself
- Producer
- Spectator
- Profession
- Character (in non-fiction)

# MODES (by Bill Nichols)

- The Expository Mode (voice of God) commentary, adresses the spectators directly
- Poetic Mode stresses the lyrical, rhytmic and emotional aspects of reality
- 3. The Observational Mode observing the reality, non-commentary
- 4. The Participatory Mode involves the object to filmming
- The Reflexive Mode expressing the contexts, original reflextion of author
- **6.** The Performative Mode demonstrations of reality, prepared situations

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Author is a spectator of the world.

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cinema vérité free cinema cinema direct

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Film-pravda
(from Russian)
heritage of **Dziga Vertov** 

(1896 - 1954)



### **Character** is:

- the real person with his/her life
- is co-operative to show his/her life (even very intimate parts of it)
- gives his/her time
- gives his/her confidence
- he/she has his/her relationships in his surroundings

# Ethics border are determinated by the relationship of the author to his/her character.

If we behave to him/her in one way and aour aim is opposite one, we must answer the question of conscience.

# Helena Třeštíková (1949)

Marriage Etudes (1980–2005) René (1987–2007) The Private Space (1974–2011)





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the particular mode of orthography, punctuation, design, etc, followed in a book, journal, etc, or in a printing or publishing house



Fundamental part of "translation"

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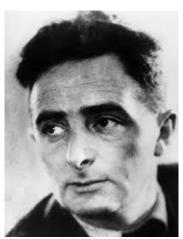
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Example: *Man With the Camera* (1927) (dir. Dziga Vertov)



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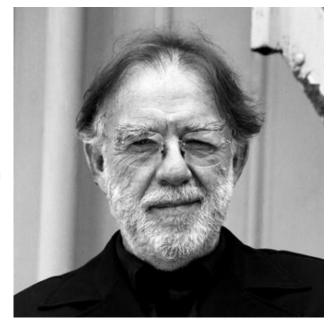


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Example: Powaggatsi (G. Reggio, 1984)



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CREATE SPACE FOR INDIVIDUAL THINKING

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All stories

# MAP OF GENRES

# -kind, sort

- a) feature, documentary, cartoon
- b) Western, comedy, war film, horror, musical, crime, "Bollywood"

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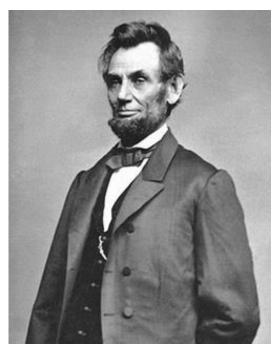




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In photography:

Abraham Lincoln (Mathew Brady)
"Brady made me a president."



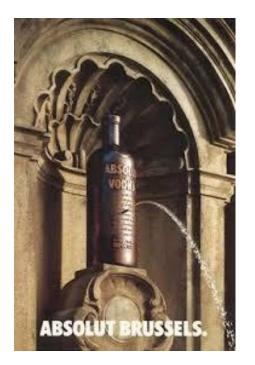
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In audiovisuality:

*Man of Aran* (1933) Dir. Robert Flaherty





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BUILDING NEW AUTHENTICITY, FILM TRUTH

Maximum: "HANDWRITING"

Typical topic, position of author, signs, communcation methods, group of distinctive tools....







#### Literature:

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## **NEXT**:

Birth of Stereotype

Thank you for your attention.

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