

Top Films of 2024: Hollywood Reporter Critics' Choices

Description

Movies faced challenges in 2024 as they continued their recovery from the pandemic. The pipeline was affected by strikes in the previous year, resulting in a lackluster summer release schedule. However, the year saw a resurgence in studio animation with hits like *Inside Out 2* and *Despicable Me 4*. Critics also praised films like *Flow* and *The Wild Robot* for their innovative storytelling.

While sequels dominated the box office, original films like *Conclave* and *Sing Sing* stood out with exceptional performances from talented casts. First-time directors like RaMell Ross and Annie Baker also made waves with their debut films. Overall, the year showcased a mix of established franchises and emerging talent.

Top Films of 2024:

1. **All We Imagine as Light** by Payal Kapadia - A moving narrative set in Mumbai.
2. **Queer** by Luca Guadagnino - A haunting adaptation of a classic novel.
3. **The Brutalist** by Brady Corbet - A sweeping drama about an architect's rise and fall.
4. **La Chimera** by Alice Rohrwacher - A whimsical tale of grave-robbers in Italy.
5. **Hard Truths** by Mike Leigh - An intimate exploration of family dynamics.

These films, along with several honorable mentions, made 2024 a year of diverse and compelling cinema. Critics and audiences alike enjoyed a mix of genres and styles, showcasing the range of storytelling in the industry.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Resurgence** /rɪ'sɜːrdʒəns/ (noun): An increase or revival after a period of little activity or popularity.
2. **Innovation** /,ɪn.ə'veɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The introduction of new ideas methods or products.
3. **Outstanding** /aʊt'stændɪŋ/ (adjective): Exceptionally good or impressive.
4. **Diverse** /dɪ'vers/ (adjective): Showing a great deal of variety; very different.
5. **Compelling** /kəm'pɛlɪŋ/ (adjective): Evoking interest attention or admiration in a powerful way.
6. **Dynamics** /dai'næmɪks/ (noun): The forces or properties that stimulate growth development or change within a system or process.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What challenges did movies face in 2024?

- Option: Lackluster summer release schedule
- Option: Success in box office
- Option: Innovation in storytelling
- Option: High demand for sequels

2. Which films were praised for their innovative storytelling in 2024?

- Option: Inside Out 2
- Option: Despicable Me 4
- Option: Flow
- Option: The Wild Robot

3. Which type of films stood out with exceptional performances in 2024?

- Option: Sequels
- Option: Original films
- Option: Action films
- Option: Comedy films

4. Who made waves with their debut films in 2024?

- Option: RaMell Ross
- Option: Annie Baker
- Option: Mike Leigh
- Option: Payal Kapadia

5. What made 2024 a year of diverse cinema?

- Option: Sequels dominating the box office
- Option: Successful summer releases
- Option: Mix of established franchises and emerging talent
- Option: Lack of new filmmakers

6. Which film showcased an intimate exploration of family dynamics in 2024?

- Option: All We Imagine as Light
- Option: Queer
- Option: The Brutalist
- Option: Hard Truths

True-False

7. Movies in 2024 had a smooth recovery from the pandemic.

8. Inside Out 2 was a flop in 2024.

9. Critics praised The Wild Robot for its innovative storytelling.

10. Sing Sing was an original film in 2024.

11. All We Imagine as Light was set in New York.

12. La Chimera was a serious drama film in 2024.

Gap-Fill

13. The year 2024 saw a resurgence in _____ animation.

14. The film Conclave in 2024 received exceptional performances from talented _____.

15. First-time directors RaMell Ross and Annie Baker made waves with their debut _____.

16. Critics and audiences enjoyed a mix of genres and styles, showcasing the range of storytelling in the _____.

17. The film Queer was directed by _____ Guadagnino in 2024.

18. The film The Brutalist was about an architect's rise and _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Lackluster summer release schedule 2. Flow 3. Original films 4. RaMell Ross 5. Mix of established franchises and emerging talent 6. Hard Truths

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. studio 14. casts 15. films 16. industry 17. Luca 18. fall



Answer

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1. Entertainment - LEVEL3

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