

LIVE CINEMA

WALKING THE TIGHTROPE BETWEEN STAGE AND SCREEN

A FILM BY SARAH ATKINSON & HELEN W. KENNEDY PRODUCED BY JOK FILMS
FEATURING WOODY HARRELSON, KATIE MITCHELL, DJ SPOOKY, WALTER MURCH
WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE, ROYAL OPERA HOUSE LIVE,
THE LIGHT SURGEONS, LIVE CINEMA UK AND BLAST THEORY.

This film examines the growing prominence of live cinema phenomena in the global film experience economy. Live cinema is an oxymoron - it brings together cinema, which is a pre-recorded, pre-packaged and passive medium, with live, which disrupts and challenges what cinema is and can become in new and exciting ways.

Academic specialists Sarah Atkinson and Helen W. Kennedy take us on a journey through historical and contemporary moments of artistic and technological innovation. Featuring interviews with pioneers at the vanguard of live cinema - including Woody Harrelson who talks about his feature-length live film 'Lost in London' which was shot on

one camera in one continuous take and simultaneously broadcast live to 500 cinemas; Academy Award winning historian Kevin Brownlow, an expert in the live scoring of silent films; celebrated theatre director Katie Mitchell OBE who is pioneering stage-based live cinema and Walter Murch, Academy Award winning film editor and sound mixer who shares experiences of live sound-track rescoring.

Each of the contributors have evolved their own distinctive versions of live cinema yet all share in common their role in pushing the boundaries of 21st Century film spectatorship, offering audiences new ways to experience cinema.

Images: top to bottom, left to right: **1.** *SuperEverything**, a live cinema performance by The Light Surgeons, Photo by Glasshopper* **2.** *La Maladie de la mort*, Photo by Stephen Cummiskey **3.** *Tuvala Live!*, Motovun Film Festival 2017 **4.** *Bloody Minded*, Blast Theory, 2018 **5.** Sarah Atkinson, Woody Harrelson & Helen W. Kennedy **6.** Pordenone Silent Film Festival 2019, *The Hostage* screening, Photo by Valerio Greco **7.** *Hamlet*, NT Live, Photo by Ludovic des Cognets **8.** *SuperEverything**, a live cinema performance by The Light Surgeons, Photo by Glasshopper* **9.** Paul D. Miller aka DJ Spooky, *Rebirth of a Nation*

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