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DocAlliance

Very few people know about the wonderful resource of watching quality cinema online. DocAlliance is one of those few privileged places.

"Doc Alliance is the result of a creative partnership of 7 key European documentary film festivals: CPH:DOX Copenhagen, Doclisboa, Docs Against Gravity FF, DOK Leipzig, FID Marseille, Jihlava IDFF and Visions du Réel Nyon. The aim of the Doc Alliance initiative is to advance the documentary genre, support its diversity and continuously promote quality creative documentary films. The online portal DAFilms.com is its main project: an international online distribution platform for documentary and experimental films focused on European cinema. For a small fee, it offers over 1400 films accessible across the globe for streaming or legal download. The films are included in the virtual database on the basis of demanding selection criteria. The portal presents regular film programmes of diverse character ranging from presentation of archive historical films through world retrospectives of leading world filmmakers to new premiere formats such as the day-and-date release. DAFilms.com invites directors, producers, distributors, and students to submit their films, thus offering them the possibility to make use of this unique distribution channel. Moreover, the portal directly supports the makers of the presented films by paying them 60% of the sum paid for viewing the documentary." (http://dafilms.com)



For those who would like to watch not only documentary, but also fiction films, MUBI is the perfect solution. It is a curated online cinema where everyday a curator picks a film which will be available for one month. This means that at any given time, you can pick from thirty features: classics, independent, festival sweethearts or cult favorites. *"Members also have access to a digital magazine, The Notebook, which critiques films and directors in greater depth. And as well as watching MUBI's content online, members are able to download films to their mobile phones and tablets for temporary offline viewing."* (The Telegraph) In order to enjoy the MUBI selection, a paid-subscription is required, with a free one-month trial.



"IndieFlix is a membership-based streaming service that (...) gives movie lovers access to over 8000 quality independent shorts, features, documentaries, classic TV and web-series from 85 countries, 2500 film festivals and the top film schools in the world. IndieFlix champions filmmakers and independent movies. IndieFlix was a pioneer in the industry, offering a win-win model in which filmmakers make more money as the company grows, and are paid for every minute their movie is watched. It is one of the few companies that shares analytics with filmmakers so they can learn about their audience." (indieflix.com) The service comes with a 30-day free trial and is available world-wide.



"Tribeca Shortlist is a premium subscription video on demand service (...) [It] features a high-quality collection of hand-picked films that are recommended by popular actors, directors, insiders and influencers who know and love movies. Every film in our collection is hand-picked by industry experts and includes major studio release and independent studio gems, foreign film favourites and documentaries. The collection is constantly refreshed, with about a third of our movies changing each month." (tribecashortlist.com) Tribeca Shortlist is also a paid-subscription platform that features no advertising, streamable on various devices.

So next time you would like the arthouse cinema experience in your own home, you know what websites to surf to make that daydream a reality.

