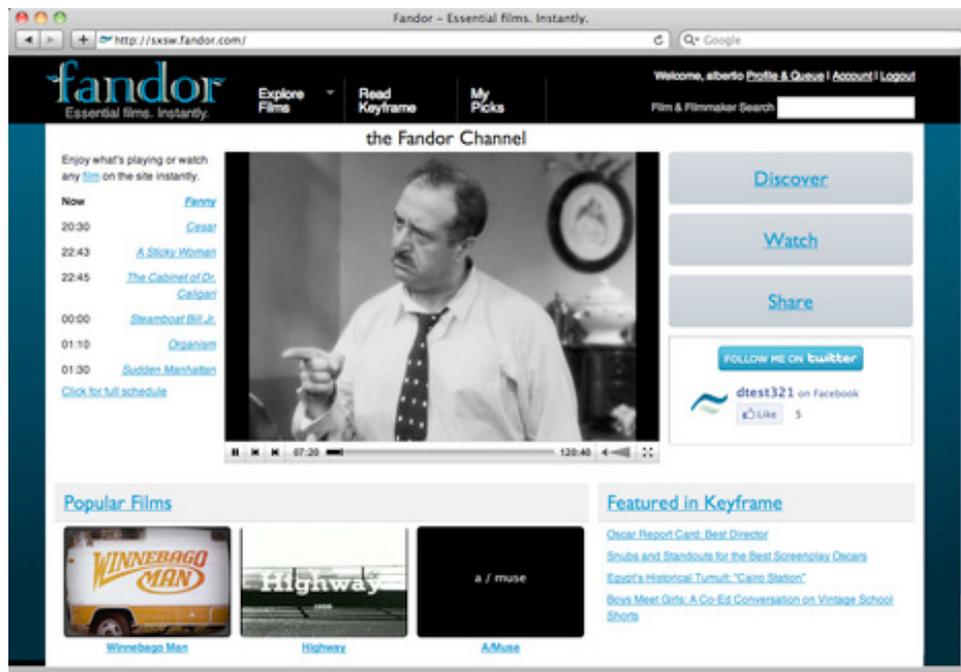




Fandor: The Most Important Roku Channel to Date for Cineastes, Cinephiles and Cinema Historians

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Fandor has become available on the Roku for instant streaming to owners of this device to their TV and other viewing devices. Netflix, Amazon Prime, Crackle and a number of other channels featuring movies have long been available to owners of the various Roku devices, but Fandor currently stands as the must-have for serious fans of film. A free trial membership of a week is available to try it out but you will not mind paying the nominal monthly fee if your love of film involves a thirst for movie history and something to stimulate your brain rather than to stimulate your need to head to Toys R Us immediately after the credits end so you can buy the tertiary merchandise that is the real point of 99% of films made today.

You can head to Fandor's web site to get all the detailed information you need, but here is a quick overview to find out whether you are the type of Roku owner who needs to add this channel to your ever increasing lineup. Those with memory storage space problems can feel perfectly comfortable dropping Crackle, Epix and some of the other movie channels that basically just recycle what's already easily available on cable networks. The movies found on Fandor don't tend to pop up in excess on HBO or even Sundance.

Avant-Garde

You wouldn't know it from what's playing at your local Cineplex, but the cinematic avant-garde is still alive and kicking people in the crotch. The collection of experimental films on Fandor range from the granddaddy of all Surrealist movies, 1929's silent "Un Chien Andalou" which features a scene of mutilation still guaranteed to shock even in the world of torture horror to 2010's music-only soundtrack "Cosmic Alchemy" made entirely from animation of ancient maps of the cosmos.

Animation

Animated films are a big part of Fandor, but don't go there expecting Disney and Dreamworks types of cartoons. Every type of animation you can think of is represented here and many of the images can be rather disturbing. Get started by situating yourself within what you know with the selection of traditional hand-drawn cel cartoons dating back to 1909. The bulk of the most interesting stop motion animation comes from Japan and often manages to be both beautiful and unsettling. A series of cartoons using chalk outlines made before 1910 may inspire someone out there to resurrect this lost art. Those who think that cut-out animation began with "South Park" will find it is actually one of the oldest forms of animation in history and "The Design" reveals how these types of movies are made.

Cult Films

While Fandor offers an entire category of movies designated as cult films, the reality is that about 75% of what you will find on the entire channel could qualify for this category that ranges from many of iconoclastic director Guy Maddin's recent films to Andy Kaufman's "My Breakfast With Blassie" to prototypical examples of one of the strangest subgenres in film history, the nunsploitation film. The cult section is also the home of some of Craig Baldwin's contemporary Situationist movies that combine public domain images in new and thought-provoking ways.

Truly, Fandor is not for everyone, especially anyone who is convinced of the genius of Keanu Reeves or Michael Bay. Those who view films as modern day mythology will want to subscribe to Fandor immediately to update the gaps in their familiarity with film history.