

Youth In the Archive

My Top Five

Kids Concert in Aid of Red Cross (1942)

A sweet short film about three girls, Dorothy, Morag and Jean, putting on a dance concert to raise money for the Red Cross. They perform four dances in all, including the imaginatively named "Spanish Dance". This movie is light-hearted and silly and reminds me of when my sisters and I would put on plays ourselves.



On Location: A Day's Filming with Group 5 (1959)

This movie is a short production about the making of the film "Time Bomb", which was created by Group 5, an amateur film unit from Aberdeen. It is funny and energetic and gives a nice picture of how film-making used to be. You will be surprised how health and safety has changed in the film industry.



Heist: Don't trust anyone (2008)

This piece is fast paced with snappy editing and explosions to add to its allure. It follows the robbers before, during and after a heist at a taxi company. When the money goes missing they turn on each other with surprising results. The lack of dialogue is reminiscent of a silent film, even though this is one of the more recent films in the collection.



The Phoenix Affair (1975)

A secret agent film, not unlike those of the Bond variety. It includes some excellent animation although it is primarily a live-action production. This film tells a good story and shows off the creator's editing skills. It also garners a lot of production value, featuring, not only its own car, but an aeroplane as well. Definitely one to watch.



Smart Boy Wanted (1960)

This film is sweet and simple, it follows two teenagers who get a job in a café. One of the most charming features of this film is the "home-baked" sound effects, for example wind blowing and sweets falling. Another surprise in this film is a cameo from the director's mother as the café owner.

