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16 March 1983

Dear Rodney

ARNOLFINI VIDEO LIBRARY

Thanks for yours of 8 March requesting information on the use of the Library. I enclose a breakdown of purchases for 1982/83 made to date, and also a list of uses per title. In looking at uses of individual tapes in this way, please note that some have been in the Library much longer than others, and consequently the rate of use of a late acquisition such as Grove Carnival appears misleading.

Pattern of use : the busiest days are, like everything else in this building, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We have many enquiries for use at lunchtime and between two and four, and the indications are that the Library would be fully used if it were open longer hours.

User Profile : (a) we receive many enquiries from users as to the availability of similar libraries elsewhere in the country. This suggests that many of the users are from outside Bristol. The most recent general profile of users of Arnolfini gave 40% as from outside Bristol.

(b) student users : there are a number of users who come here to see a specific tape, eg Art in Revolution, and do not ask for more. Possibly sent by their tutors/teachers. Other students do use the library more creatively, including some self-motivated enthusiasts who are wading their way through everything.

(c) There are perhaps 15 users in this last group who can be expected to pay a visit once a week.

(d) A recognisable group comprises those who feel there are only five tapes in the library which will interest them.

(e) There is a recognisable group, at present vociferous and unsatisfied, of people wishing to see tapes about dance.

(f) There are a significant number of enquiries each week (3 or 4) requesting group screenings; these are answered by welcoming previews at the library and referring enquirers to the ACGB film library where appropriate. Some of these come from visual art related courses, but also Life and Social

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Skills courses at technical college, Youth Opportunities scheme leaders and other young, disability and underprivileged groups.

Lastly, we have evidence that the production of 'supplements' on the Library is useful, since users often approach the Library supplement in hand, with their preferred titles ringed. If I can supply further information, please ask.

Yours sincerely

Lewis Biggs
Gallery Coordinator

News and Gossip
Frank Abbott 1978 35 mins

Silent Partners
Peter Gidal 1972 35 mins

Any?
Peter Waller and Laura Mulvey
1980 30 mins

Palinurus
Mike Leigh 1974/5 70 mins

Discrepancy
Mike Leigh 1976 45 mins

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Arnolfini Video Library

Uses per title

Independent Film on Video Tape

Berlin Horse	17
Malcolm Le Grice 1970 9 mins	
After Lumiere	15
Malcolm Le Grice 1974 16 mins	
Moment	23
Steve Dwoskin 1970 10 mins	
Romantic Italy	12
Chris Garratt 1975 8 mins	
Versailles Part 1	
Chris Garratt 1976 8 mins	
Filmusic Part 1	
Chris Garratt 1977 8 mins	
Commercial Break	
Chris Garrat 1980	
Seven Days	13
Chris Welsby 1974 20 mins	
Sigmund Freud's Dora: A case of mistaken identity	32
Claire Pajaczkowska, Jane Weinstock, Anthony McCall, Andrew Tyndall 1979 38 mins	
News and Comment	14
Frank Abbott 1978 35 mins	
Silent Partner	1
Peter Gidal 1977 35 mins	
Amy!	17
Peter Wollen and Laura Mulvey 1980 30 mins	
Filmlane	6
Mike Leggett 1974/4 18 mins	
Sheepwoman	2
Mike Leggett 1976 15 mins	

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Independent Film on Video Tape cont

Blue + Green + Red	1
Mike Leggett 1976 15 mins	
Short Film Series	9
Guy Sherwin 1977 12 mins	
Thriller	15
Sally Potter 1979 33 mins	
Associations	40
John Smith 1975 7 mins	
Girl Chewing Gum	11
John Smith 1976 12 mins	

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Uses per title

Original Independent Video Tape

Mirror	9
Stephen Littman 1979 5 mins	
You Make Me Shout	5
Stephen Littman 1980 4 mins	
This is A Television Receiver	5
David Hall 1979 10 mins	
TV Fighter (Cam Era Plane)	14
David Hall 1977 12 mins	
The Love Show Parts 1,2 & 3	27
Stuart Marshall 1980 50 mins	
The News	47
Ian Breakwell 10 mins	
Vanitas	12
Tamara Krikorian 1977 9 mins	
Interplay	6
Stephen Partridge 1980 9 mins	
La Belle et La Bete	20
Marceline Mori 1977 9 mins	
Orange Free State	8
Mick Hartney 1978 24 mins	
Floor	16
Richard Layzell 1980 18 mins	
Pieces I Never Did	20
David Critchley 1979 35 mins	
The Fashion Show	20
Vida 1979 20 mins	
Entropy	14
In The Home	2
Bad News (Hawley)	3
Kensington Gore	1

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SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES

Arnolfini Video Library 1982/83

Godard Tapes (BFI) £486.00

+ 15% £72.90

£558.90

LVA tapes :

Noel Harding in Yellow ...

Ian Breakwell : In the Home

Catherine Elwes : Kensington gore

Steve Hawley : Compilation Tape

Hookyaas/Stansfield : 2 sides of a story

John Adams : Stories

£870.00

less 10% £87.00

£783.00

+ 15% £117.45

£900.45

John Adams : Sensible Shoes)

John Adams : Part Two)

£200.00

TOTAL SPENT AT 20 March 1983 :

£1659.35