Before the Restoration

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Open-Source Tools and Resources for Audio-Visual Archives

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พล่มนั้นยังคงมีอายุยืนยาวอยู่

๒. สิทธิของอนุชน

๒.๑ ด้วยตระหนักในความรับผิดชอบของตนในอันที่จะอนุรักษ์ ฟิล์มภาพยนตร์ให้ดำรงอยู่อย่างยั่งยืน หอภาพยนตร์จักยืนหยัดต่อร้างการบีบบังคับใด ๆ ที่จะทำจัดหรือทำลายสิ่งของ ที่หอภาษนตร์สังเลน โดขึ้งอาจอยู่นอกเหนือกฎเกณฑ์ว่าด้วยการอนุรักษ์หรือ นโยบายการคัดเลือกที่ใช้อยู่ของหอภาพยนตร์นั้น

๓. สิทธิในการใช้ประโยชน์

๓.๑ หอภาพยนตร์ตระหนักว่า สิ่งของในความดูแล มีทั้งมูลค่าใน

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Conservation

Conservation encompasses all activities for the care of an object, which **delay its further decay** and ensure that it remains in the most intact condition for the future.

Restoration

Restoration includes all interventions and treatments that serve to **retrieve a certain historical state** and contribute to the legibility, aesthetic integrity or **reuse** of an object.

Restorative actions may be irreversible and require great care in planning, justification, execution and **documentation**.

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Live in the real world!

There is only one efficient way:

- keep the analogue source elements as long as possible
- more prevention:
 - → better insulation
 - → more efficient air conditioning
- less handling of the source elements
- make digital masters and access copies

An Ounce of Ethics

- The probability that a work is available in its integrity in the future is increased.
- All the options that existed before taking an action remain open after the action.
- Every step is carefully documented.



Film

- film as document or work of art
- elements of the film
- actual reel

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Splices

- cement
- tape
- re-splicing

Sources

- splices repair
- perforation repair
- film cleaning
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Perforation

- tape bridges
- film bridges
- acetone
- notches
- V-cuts

Cleaning

- PTR
- manual cleaning
- dry
- machine cleaning
- using a solvent
- re-washing

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... and Beyond

- transfer the emulsion onto a new base
- keep only the emulsion

Chemical Treatments

- drying
- humidifying
- mould fungus
- swelling the emulsion
- re-development
- hardening the gelatine



Scanner

- film transport
- light source
- camera
- image section
- wet scanning
- file format

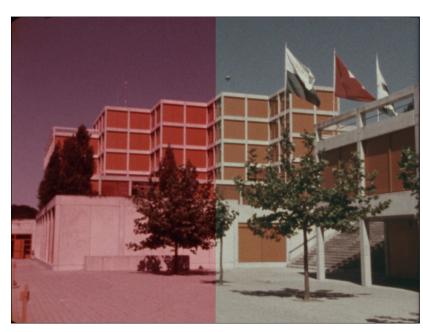
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Light Source

- diffuse
- white
- direct
- t coloured
- illuminant

Film Transport

- sprocket
- PTR
- tension
- film path, guide and gate
- reels
- continuous vs. step-by-step



Camera

- image sensor
- resolution
- bit depth
- "raw" data
- lenses

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Safe Area

SMPTE RP 8 (1961) / SMPTE RP 13 (1963)

- safe title area is 80 % width and height
- safe action area is 90 % width and height

SMPTE ST 2046-1 (2009)

- safe action area is 93 % width and height
- safe title area is 90 % width and height

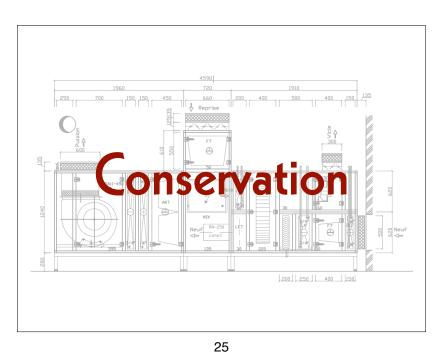
Image Section

- camera
- projector
- safe area
- over-scan
- edge to edge

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Wet Scanning

- wet transfer
- full immersion
- pre-wet
- solvent



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Source

- de-restoration
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