

## Great Undiscovered Videos

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### **Video Pick of the Day: Blue (Bleu) (1993)**

Want to see, smell and feel the French countryside and the neighborhoods of Paris? Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski created this film as one part of a trilogy representing the colors of the French flag. Blue represents liberty and takes you on the journey of Juliette Binoche who has to cope with the loss of her conductor husband and daughter in a car accident. To call this loss liberty is hard to imagine until you watch as she uses the tragedy to free herself from the lies in her life. Kieslowski's attention to detail using camera angles and shades of blue brings the melancholy mood of the film to life.

### **Video Pick of the Day: Waiting for Guffman (1996)**

Are you ready to laugh at the silly antic of small town theater with big town dreams? Christopher Guest directs this film and plays the lead character of Corkey St. Clair who is a theater director in Blaine, Missouri. His grand show is a musical review commemorating 150 years of the town's history. "Red, White and Blain" will be written, directed, costumed and choreographed by Mr. St. Clair. He and the cast believe in the possibility of taking his show to Broadway. The film takes a mock documentary look at the lives of average townspeople and their seriousness of their roles in this musical. Wait with indie favorite Parker Posey who plays a Dairy Queen waitress and the cast as they hold their breath on opening night in the hopes that Broadway theater critic Mr. Guffman shows up in the seat reserved for him.

### **Video Pick of the Day: The Pillow Book (1996)**

In the beautiful, artistic scenes in this film, Peter Greenaway takes us to Kyoto, Japan in the 1970s and introduces us to Nagiko, played by Vivian Wu, the daughter of a calligrapher who paints characters on her face. Her mother reads to her from "The Pillow Book", the diary of a 10<sup>th</sup>-century lady-in-waiting. As Nagiko grows up seeking to fill her own pillow book, she combines the delights of flesh and literature to remind her of the pleasure of calligraphy. Her body and soul are truly satisfied by having men write on her. Ewan McGregor plays the young man Nagiko meets when she travels to Hong Kong.

### **Video Pick of the Day: Basquiat (1996)**

Based on the true story of young artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, Julian Schnabel shows us the meteoric rise and then quick fall of a talented painter, played by Jeffrey Wright. In spite of his success, he was plagued by loneliness, the belief that people did not really accept him for who he was and self-destruction in the form of drugs. David Bowie brings his talent to the character of Andy Warhol, who is attributed with introducing Basquiat to the art world.

### **Video Pick of the Day: The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994)**

Take a hilarious ride through the remote Australian desert with three drama queens. These "ladies" decide to hit the road in a lavender-colored bus christened "Priscilla" and head toward a posh resort to perform a cabaret drag show. On arrival to the show, we uncover a heart-warming story of a son who has accepted his father's lifestyle. Directed by Stephan Elliott, this flick is fun and full of glam with all the attitudes of the three queens – featuring Terence Stamp, Hugo Weaving and Guy Pearce.