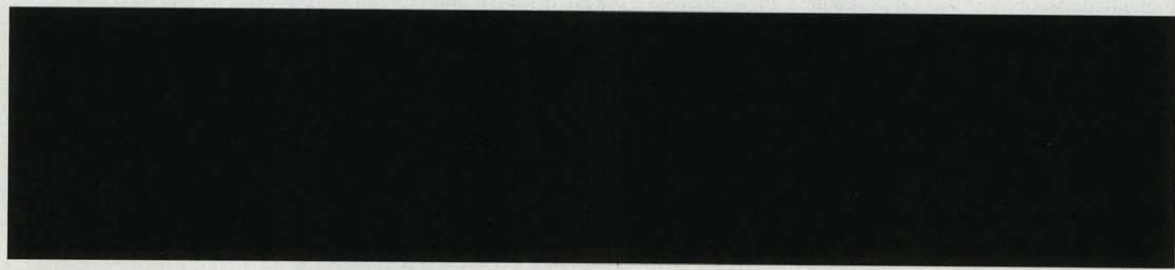


The Year in Culture 2012

Movies
Classical
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This year, in which a tense election, the accelerated fracturing of media, and Lena Dunham's *Girls* threatened to irreparably divide us, a few things brought us together: "Call Me Maybe," "Gangnam Style," and the groundbreaking performance art of Clint Eastwood. And if you didn't enjoy at least one Channing Tatum movie in 2012, that's your fault.



The Culturati Caucus

WE POLLED 87 culture-makers (and appreciators) on everything from the year's best movies and music to the superiority of certain superheroes and TV families. While our less-than-scientific process did reveal clear favorites (a certain catchy pop tune with the words "call" and "maybe"), we also uncovered unique interest in, among other things, the contestants on *RuPaul's Drag Race* and crying on airplanes.

FAVORITE FILM PERFORMANCE



28%

Daniel Day-Lewis,

LINCOLN

"The man disappears into that role. It's pure genius."

AMBER BENSON, actress

MOVIE OF THE YEAR

Argo

(A heavily divided caucus.)

9%

"Ben Affleck is just amazing. I hope he employs me one day."

ARCHIE PANJABI, actress



OTHER FAVORITE FLICKS

7%

Moonrise Kingdom
"Each scene was incredible eye candy."
LELA ROSE, fashion designer

7%

Silver Linings Playbook
"Kind of like a romantic comedy, but not. It's just so twisted."
SACHA GERVASI, screenwriter

2%

The Dictator
"It reminds me of those John Waters movies that you can watch over and over."
SIMON DOONAN, creative ambassador, Barneys

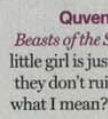
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The Hobbit
"Can I get back to you after The Hobbit starts screening?"
KURT LODER, critic

OTHER GREAT PERFORMANCES



13% **Philip Seymour Hoffman,**
The Master "Pretty much can't do wrong by me."
DYLAN BAKER, actor
(Beat co-star Joaquin Phoenix by a single vote!)



3% **Quvenzhané Wallis,**
Beasts of the Southern Wild "That little girl is just unbelievable. I hope they don't ruin her now, you know what I mean?"
JAMES D'ARCY, actor



3% **Javier Bardem,**
Skyfall "He was filled with strangeness and idiosyncrasy."
ALEX TIMBERS, director

BIGGEST TEARJERKER



19%

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

"You can just relate to the kids in that movie no matter how old you are."

WILSON CRUZ, actor

OTHER WEEPERS

Prometheus.
"Because it was torture to watch."
R.L. STINE, author

Lincoln. "I cried throughout the whole story. I cry easy."
ROBERT WUHL, actor

Bully. "If you have kids or know kids, it'll break your heart."
BARRY LAYTON, director

"Every movie I watch in a plane on Ambien makes me cry. Brave did it just the other day."
NICO MUHLY, composer

Liberal Arts. It made me miss my college days ... and made me feel old."
DAVID CHANG, chef

"I don't cry."
FRED ARMISEN, comedian-actor

MOVIE I WISH I'D MADE



Skyfall

DARIN STRAUSS, author



Cosmopolis

SHARON VAN ETTEN, musician



The Cabin in the Woods

ALEX TIMBERS, director



The Grey

MAUREEN BRAY, gallery director



Wanderlust

RACHEL ANTONOFF, fashion designer



"It would have been cool to make Al Weiwei: Never Sorry just to kick it in China and eat all that food that fool was eating."

KOOL A.D., musician

Lela Rose, Janie Rosenbhal, Mike Ruiz, Andrew Stiffir, Jamie Schamus, Michael Shammou, Anna Sheffield, Marnie Stern, R. L. Stine, Darin Strauss, Michael Stahlberg, Alex Timbers, James Toback, Sharon van Etten, Stuart Weitzman, Robert Wohl, Susan Yang, Behn Zeitlin

Bibi Mohapatra, Lauren Molna, Mia Moretti, Nico Muhly, John Norris, Chris Noth, Mike O'Malley, Archie Prnjabi, Joe Prmitano, Richard Rich, Hilary Ruoba, Nathaniel Rich, Thomas Roberts

