Directors Roundtable: Famous Film Directors Discuss Their Favourite Films

This listening exercise is a discussion between 6 famous film directors:

Guillermo del Toro ('The Shape of Water' - Spanish Accent), Angelina Jolie ('First They Killed My Father' - US Accent), Patty Jenkins ('Wonder Woman' - US Accent), Greta Gerwig ('Lady Bird' - US Accent), Denis Villeneuve ('Blade Runner 2049' - French Accent), and Joe Wright ('Darkest Hour' - UK Accent)

This listening exercise is really challenging, with elaborate descriptions of film scenes and emotions. For answering the questions, the key is to extract the key information from the longer monologues. It is important to understand the first question in order to understand the rest of the exercise.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Msl6C77MNcs

Vocabulary to check before answering the questions:

a DVD - A disc for playing movies or series
a lifeboat - A boat which is sent out to save people drowning at sea
to pay homage to someone - To show deep respect, honor and praise for someone

a puppeteer - Someone who operates puppets (as in the picture)
a marionnette show - A puppet show (as in the picture)







1. **(00:00-00:39)** What question does the host ask at the beginning?
2. **(00:39-01:20)** What does Guillermo del Toro about the film “The Road Warrior”?
3. **(00:39-01:20)** What does Guillermo del Toro say about the film “Frankenstein”?
4. **(02:18-02:46)** What does director Patty Jenkins say about the film “I know Where I’m going”?
5. **(02:46-03:28)** What 2 emotions constitute ‘love’ according to Patty Jenkins
6. **(03:28-04:00)** What does Patty Jenkins say about our desire in love?
7. **(04:50-05:26)** What does Patty Jenkins describe as the game of directing?

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8. **(05:44-06:38)** What does director Joe Wright say about his father and his influence on his career?

9. **(06:49-07:11)** What does director Joe Wright say about the film “Wings of Desire”?

10. **(07:11-08:36)** Why did director Denis Villeneuve feel like “the bad son”?

11. **(08:36-09:28)** What does Denis Villeneuve say about the film “2001: A space Odyssey”?