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Audience feedback: The Duke Of Burgundy

38 people voted. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

'Excellent': 3 votes

- Beautifully handled difficult subject
- Absorbing, fascinating, colourful, & the 'sound' became so significant! A lot to unpick here.
- Highly original and interesting

'Very Good': 4 votes

- Excellent filming, but curious theme. Does it relate to the superfluity of women left over from the 1st world war? – A young man's fantasy of how they survived? (Some of them!)
- "What it is to hurt the thing you love" (plus early ideas for Christmas)
- The sixties/seventies were a strange time. Reminded me of Clint Eastwood in a wood with a bunch of Puritan girls and a mushroom stew.
- Perverse & strange – what's not to like? No need for nervous laughter.

'Good': 7 votes

- Great sensual setting – all those saturated autumnal colours & drapery interiors. Loved soundtrack too. Wonderful cinematography. But felt that the sadomasochistic interactions became a bit of a drag. I liked the mannequins in the audience, the Paula Rego boot-cleaning and especially the butterfly metaphor.
 - Did you know the Italians tell little girls they have a butterfly and the little boys a little bird? I think Peter Strickland was taken with this and got a bit obsessed.
 - Must rush, got to get home to do some cruel stuff!
- Beautifully filmed, but a bit repetitious
- Visually ravishing and indisputably memorable, but rather more style than substance...? Many 'nods' to other directors – Hitchcock's "Rope", also Bunuel?
- Interesting, too long. Bizarre in places.
An everyday tale of people not having to be at work 9-5.
Once will be enough for me.
- Was this filmed with the consent of the butterflies?
[Apologies, couldn't read the rest of the comment]
- Interesting!!

'Satisfactory': 11 votes

- Not really my thing. Although I appreciated [some of] the jokes, over all it was only slightly more watchable than the late 60s/early 70s films it was attempting to pastiche.

- Had its moments but rather self-consciously arty. Too long
- Only Satisfactory because it was so visually sumptuous. Otherwise it was pretentious twaddle dressed up as art. Saw more water sports than Tom Daley's Speedos, but still dull!
- Started off well, but then dipped – a lot!
- Fantastic gothic atmosphere, and beautiful Hungarian buildings, but insufficient content to hold my interest. Boring!!
Oh, and the volume was far too loud.
- About an hour too long for me!
- Cruel, boring – scenery interesting. Not a laugh a minute. Not my scene
- Funny? – Peculiar – a rather pointless film.
- Weird. Nice to look at but actually rather boring.
- Visually beautiful but too Peter Greenaway [yuk] for me!
- Is this what happens in a world without men?

'Poor': 7 votes

- I didn't enjoy the last film you showed by Peter Strickland [*Katalin Varga*] and I didn't enjoy this one. Very slow, pretentious, pointless. Very little humour in it.
- Repetitive, disjointed and over indulgent
- Special Measures! – Stylish utter tosh. Too repetitious.
- Felt self-indulgent; needed a blood-bath ending?
- Interesting photography of insects.
Excellent underwear
Nice house – do they sell those gold & crystal glasses in John Lewis?
- otherwise, an excellent cure for insomnia.
- Dull/boring
- Boring!

6 comment submitted without a vote:

- And this is why you go to a film club. Beautifully filmed, but???¹
- Bizarre is all I can think to say. Some humour amid the [?]. Great scenery.
- Unclassifiable! Loved the credits. Need to think about the rest. Stunning photography & Borgen was very brave to dress up in all the corsetry.
- Whacky & boring
- Awful². Weird and creepy.
- Enigmatic³. Groundhog Day remade by Bergman? And music by Cat's Eye? – I ask you

Based on the above, the film had an overall score of 2.53.

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¹ Author has circled around both 'Good' and 'Satisfactory'.

² Submitted as an alternative voting category

³ Another suggestion for the alternative voting category list – although this one was inserted between 'Very Good' and 'Good'