This presentation will disrupt the ubiquitous understanding that film theorist and philosopher Stanley Cavell, in his classic book *The World Viewed*, conceives of cinema as a visual art form. I will argue instead that Cavell’s theory of movies is essentially audiovisual, and that his conceptualization allows us to move beyond current impasses in scholarship on film sound.

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