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Abstract

This is a film review of *Out of Tune* (2019) directed by Aaron With.

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Out of Tune (2019), dir. Aaron With

In this quirky short film, an advanced society worships the “chord.” Director Aaron With is an experimental musician, using his music background to make this film. The chord seems to represent the harmony of the universe. The chord is to be found in shrines that give off sounds. Teenagers continually vandalize the shrines and so a maintenance man must visit the shrines each day to bring back the harmonious sound and with it the harmony of the universe. The advanced society is much like our own—seeking harmony in the universe. And our own society is much like the advanced society, in that something continually throws the harmony out of kilter. Living well is an ongoing process that requires constant attention. And, sometimes it’s nice to feel a hitch in the harmony.