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Maysles lends his vision

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There is little difference between The Rolling Stones and gypsies, according to Albert Maysles.

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He would know best as the documentary pioneer behind the Stones' "Gimme Shelter" and cinematographer of Jasmine Dellal's exploration into musical culture, "Gypsy Caravan."

"It is one of the best films I've ever seen," Maysles said. "It conveys such an important message in such a profound way. You learn so much of humanity and decency."

Regarding his relationships with rock stars and Roma bands, Maysles claims they are all the same. "I have a special relationship with stars and feel on common ground with them. I empathize with them, which generates that much more trust."

His close relationships have furthered filming opportunities. Sean Lennon recently requested that he film a concert, and in the process he met Rufus Wainwright - who devoted a song to Maysles' cult favorite, "Grey Gardens" - who proposed that Maysles in turn film his concert.

"Some of it falls into my hands, but others take a long time," Maysles said. He has been working on one project, "In Transit," for many years. Riding on half a dozen trains throughout the world, he encounters intriguing commuters and follows them off of the train to discover the bigger story.

"It is my attempt in one film to bring the whole world together," Maysles says. He looks for the little things in subjects and even stumbled upon a woman heading to meet her mother for the first time. "I had a sense of something going on. She looked nervous, so I started filming right away."

This study of the human condition is not so surprising considering that Maysles' first profession was as a psychologist. He felt he could report more thoroughly with a movie camera.

Maysles' subjects have ranged from rock stars to Muhammad Ali to artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who he documented six times, most lately "The Gates."

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