

THE MAGIC LANTERN WITHIN

These are some more slides that feature magic lanterns as part of the image. Please keep sending in any slides you have with images of magic lanterns, slides or peepshows.



In keeping with the season, **Helmut Wälde** has sent this chromolithographic children's glass slide made by Ernst Plank, Nürnberg, in about 1900 and measuring 5 x 18 cm.



Patrice Guérin's long slide is hand painted and marketed by the Lapierre House circa 1870. The label translates as 'No.1 Little French jokes' and we see a lantern showman, a caged rabbit and two grotesque characters talking.



Patrice Guérin has also sent this slipping slide of a lanternist projecting a familiar scene – a windmill.



This slide (the top image shows a detail) from **Helmut Wälde** was made in the Musschenbroek workshop in the first quarter of the 18th century (for similar frames see p.6 of Dutch Perspectives by Willem Albert Wagenaar, Annet Duller and Margreet Wagenaar-Fischer, MLS, 2014). The oak frame with pointed top and bottom edges measures 14.7 x 39.5 cm. The diameter of the handpainted glasses is 5.5 cm. The titles are scratched in the black parts of the paintings and read: 'Toverlantaren' (=magic lantern), 'fraay karjeüs' (=beautiful(?) curiosity) and 'lantaren sonder ligt' (lantern without light(?)).

THE MAGIC LANTERN SEASON IN THE NETHERLANDS

Gwen Sebus

On 27 October 2019 the Magic Lantern season in the Netherlands started with a Halloween magic lantern show in Nico's Toverlantaarnmuseum in Scheveningen. **Henk Boelmans Kranenburg** and **Annet Duller** gave a spooky but marvellous show in Henk's theatre that was full of Magic Lantern



Society members, all dressed as wizards and witches! Just one week later, **Else Flim** and **Aad Kok** of the Dickens Theatre in Laren held the premiere of their adaptation of *The Old Curiosity Shop*, a very long novel by – of course – Charles Dickens. **Else Flim** managed to make the lengthy story of Little Nell suitable for projection in a perfect lantern show that lasted nearly four hours and that was told by Charles Dickens himself.



1. (above left) Four lanternists, from left to right: **Gwen Sebus**, **Monique Wezenberg**, **Annet Duller** and **Else Flim** in the Magic Lantern Museum in Scheveningen, Netherlands



3. **Charles Dickens** (**Aad Kok**) telling the story of Little Nell / *The Old Curiosity Shop* in the Dickens Theatre in Laren, Netherlands

2. (below left) **Annet Duller** reading a ghost story