

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

PROJECTING PATHOS: EMOTIONS AND THE MAGIC LANTERN

The fifth workshop organized within the framework of the EOS-funded *B-Magic* project will focus on the role of emotions in magic lantern performances and is organized by the B-magic team of the Université libre de Bruxelles. This interdisciplinary workshop will explore the emotional strategies used during lantern performances, as well as their impact on the spectators, and brings together scholars working in different fields related to the magic lantern and emotions – media archaeology, the history of emotions and the cognitive sciences.

The following speakers have already been confirmed: Richard Crangle (MLS), André Gaudreault (Université de Montréal), Anja Laukötter (Max Planck Institute for Human Development and University of Strasbourg), Johannes Riis (University of Copenhagen) and Valentine Robert (Université de Lausanne). In addition, on 15 May at 20:30, there will be an exceptional magic lantern show produced in collaboration with the Canada Research Chair in Cinema and Media Studies of the Université de Montréal, the Pôle de recherche en communication of the UCLouvain and projectionist Anne Gourdet-Marès.

The workshop will take place on **Friday 15 May 2020** (13:30–18:00 and 20:30–22:00) and **Saturday 16 May 2020** (10:00–17:30). The venue is **Cinematek, Rue Baron Horta 9, 1000 Brussels**. More information about the workshop programme and the spectacle will be available in due course on the B-magic website (www.b-magic.eu).

TIME FOR YOUR LIGHT TO SHINE!

It is only just over a year until the next MLS Convention (**16-18 April 2021**) and we are beginning work on the programme. **Martin Gilbert** has been given the exciting task of preparing the Convention programme and would like to hear from anyone who is able and willing to give a magic lantern show or talk about their research and other magic-lantern related work. We would particularly encourage anyone who has never, or very rarely, performed – this is your opportunity, the MLS is your society. Even if you have just a germ of an idea at the moment, get in touch, and bring out your inner showperson. Contact Martin at meetings@magiclantern.org.uk

WRITING OPPORTUNITIES ...

It's never too late for a New Year's resolution! Why not make yours to write something for *The Magic Lantern*? We always need contributions, whether an authoritative piece on your research, an interesting magic lantern-related story you have come across or titbits and tales from your own magic lantern experiences. You could contribute to one (or more) of the three series we are running currently: *A Slide with a Story* giving the background to a particular slide; *The Magic Lantern Within* showing slides that have magic lanterns or shows as part of the image; and *My First Slide (or Lantern)*, we all have one, what is the story behind yours? Your friendly editors are always happy to help if English is not your first language – or even if it is.

If you see something quirky or a modern take on the world of optical projection, then **Mary Borgo Ton**, the new editor of *New Light on Old Media*, would love to hear from you. Contact her direct or via newlight@magiclantern.org.uk.



One of Martin Gilbert's stunning dissolving views – Constable's *Hay Wain*, in the rain – as seen at the Magic Lantern Society AGM in January (see p.15 for a full report).



The first slide of The Blind Girl's Christmas (Noël de la Petite Aveugle) by the French slide manufacturer Maison de la Bonne Presse which illustrates well the theme of the workshop – projecting pathos

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Bart Moens (bart.moens@ulb.be).

AUCTION COMING UP

Auction Team Breker has their next *Photographica & Film* specialist auction coming up on 4 April 2020. Their autumn auction in this category will be on 19 September 2020. Highlights of the spring auction include a Plank Kinematador no.790 (1897) and a large sun microscope by Charles Chevalier (1850). See www.breker.com for more information.

DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only and confirm before travelling.

2020

25 April

Spring Meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
POSTPONED UNTIL 28 NOVEMBER 2020

15 and 16 May

Projecting Pathos: Emotions and the magic lantern
B-Magic workshop, Cinematek, Brussels

11-14 June

Convention of US & Canada Magic Lantern Society
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

25 July

Summer Meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Roborough Studios, University of Exeter

17 October

Autumn Meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham

2021

16-18 April

Magic Lantern Society International Convention
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham

NEW MEMBERS

Teresa Parreira	Miragaia, Portugal
Holly Garbett	Plymouth, UK
Carlos Gomes	Sacavém, Portugal
James and Patricia McWilliam	Nottingham, UK
Andrew Bayley	Burnley, UK
Rachel Hughes	Brentford, UK