

## TIME IS TICKING . . . FOR THE 2022 MLS AWARDS

The Magic Lantern Society is pleased to announce that entry is now open for the 2022 MLS Awards. Dedicated to the memory of our two departed friends and colleagues Dick Balzer and Mervyn Heard, the awards recognise new work relating to the magic lantern.

After their successful debut in 2019 (see *TML* 21), the past two years (see *TML* 25 and 29) attracted strong fields of contenders whose ambitious projects offered new ways of looking at familiar things and new directions for research. The two awards are:

- The Mervyn Heard Award for any written work, archival research programme or smaller-scale digitisation project. The winner would be encouraged to publish a description or version of their work in *The Magic Lantern* and/or give a presentation at a Society meeting.
- The Dick Balzer Award for any work using the magic lantern or lantern slides in a performance or work of art. The winner would produce an original or reworked artwork or performance, provide something to publish via the Society website (for example photographs, a video or animation) and/or give a presentation at a Society meeting.

The judges will be looking for originality, practicality and relevance to the field. All submissions must be made in English, but please don't worry if this is not your first language. The judges will assess the quality and appeal of your ideas rather than your written English. Submissions should consist of a single-page outline of the work or project, explaining clearly why it is original and how it contributes to knowledge, understanding or enjoyment of the field, plus a single-page *curriculum vitae* of each person making the submission. Submissions may include links to online supporting resources (e.g. publications, performance



*Mervyn Heard*



*Dick Balzer*

video, etc.), but please do not submit any other items as separate files.

All submissions must be made either by email or by post. The email address is [awards@magiclantern.org.uk](mailto:awards@magiclantern.org.uk) and the postal address *Magic Lantern Society Awards, 17 Dean Street, Exeter EX2 4HH, UK*. Please direct any enquiries about the awards to the same addresses. **Closing date for submissions: 23 October 2022.**

The winners will be judged by a panel selected from the Committee of the Magic Lantern Society. The decision of the judges will be final and the judges reserve the right to make shared awards or no awards, as they see fit, based on the submissions received. Members of the MLS Committee may not enter. The judges will not be able to discuss or correspond about their decisions.

Each award comprises a direct payment of £300 to the winner, plus a book of the winner's choice from the Society's catalogue of available publications.

Entry is open to both members and non-members of the Society, from all backgrounds, with or without affiliation to any academic institution. Previous entrants may enter again but their proposal must be different from that entered before. Existing works or projects may be submitted, although the awards are not intended to recognise or reward work completed or published more than a year before the closing date. Ongoing projects and work in progress, if expected to be finished within six months after the closing date, would be welcome.

Winners will be notified by 2 December 2022. The winning projects will be announced in the December 2022 issue of *The Magic Lantern* and at the Society's AGM in January 2023. The winners will be invited to present their work at an MLS meeting in the UK during 2023.

Good luck to all our entrants!