



One of the 2022 winners, Miguel Herrero Herrero

MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY AWARDS 2023

What are you waiting for?

The summer is here, and it's far too hot for magic lantern shows in stuffy dark rooms. Time to start thinking about your entry for this year's MLS Awards! The rules and submission dates can all be found on the website (www.magiclantern.org.uk) but the main intention is that *ANYONE* can enter, and that everyone has an equal likelihood of success. While some of our past winners have been high-profile figures in the magic lantern world, many others have been newcomers drawn to the lantern by their own circuitous paths.

Perhaps you have a pet project you've been turning over in your mind for years but just need some encouragement to take it further. Maybe the cash would be useful for travel to distant lands or to buy materials for some creative endeavour or for your next magic lantern project. Or maybe it's something that just occurred to you as you were reading this. A light bulb moment of inspiration. Perhaps you are overflowing with creativity and would like to submit more than one idea. The more the merrier!

The two Awards are offered in memory of Mervyn Heard and Dick Balzer – two much-missed long-standing members of the Society. Both were valued for their encyclopaedic knowledge of the lantern, but also for their sense of anarchic fun. Whether your taste is for serious academic study or you just have a mad idea you would like to explore further, these Awards are for you. Nothing demonstrates the healthy vigour of the Society more than the creativity of its membership. Who knows? You might win!