

## NEW LOOK MLS AWARDS 2025

The Magic Lantern Society Awards were first announced in September 2019 and since that time have gone from strength to strength, attracting a wide range of outstanding entries from many different countries. This year the judges have made some important changes which we hope will clarify the purpose and scope of the Awards as well as encourage more applicants.

The **Dick Balzer Award** will recognise any work related to the magic lantern already completed between January 2024 and December 2025. This can be in any form including publications, web resources, performances, artworks or any other medium.

There will now be two **Mervyn Heard Awards**, intended to support the creation of any kind of new work relating to the magic lantern. These two Awards will be of up to £300 each, which might support travel expenses, materials, printing or any other purpose to help the work towards completion.

In another innovation for 2025, applicants are invited to contact the Award judges for help in formulating and strengthening their proposals at any time up the closing date for entries. The judges will also try to contact you if they want to clarify points in your application, even after the closing date, if they believe this might strengthen your application.

Full details can be found at [www.magiclantern.org.uk/awards/](http://www.magiclantern.org.uk/awards/).

Closing date: **7 December 2025**

Announcement of winners: **Annual General Meeting of the MLS, 24 January 2026**



*Melissa Ferrari, a former winner of the Dick Balzer Award with her 'experimental documentary' Relict: A Phantasmagoria*