



THE IMAGE HUNTER – SERGI BUKA

Following the meeting on 5 April at the Museu del Cinema, MLS members were invited to make the short walk to the Auditori Viader in the Casa de Cultura for an extraordinary one-man show *The Image Hunter* by internationally-renowned illusionist, shadow artist and lanternist – and MLS member – Sergi Buka. This was a journey through the world of the magic lantern, as Sergi explains: "The shadow puppetry and magic lantern were used during the first part of the performance to project live images and create a dreamlike atmosphere, which eventually transformed with the use of lasers. It was a way of connecting the first light (fire) with the light of the future (laser), of bridging the analogue and the digital, the handmade and the technological – something I'm particularly interested in exploring in my work." While the concept and performance were by Sergi, the show was co-written with Ramón Mayrata (see p. 16). The following is a summary by them.



The Image Hunter is a magician and travelling lanternist who roams the world in search of a mysterious image that once captivated him. He moves through space and time with nothing but the magic of light as his luggage, inviting us to take part in a visual experience that begins in the darkness of the caves where shamans once gave life to the spirit of shadows. As we travel through the centuries, the enchantment of light draws us into a performance where the magic lantern projects original images from the early 19th century, leading us into a world – our world – completely dominated by images, where virtual reality even invades our physical space. Perhaps in the darkness of the night, pierced by the moonlight – or among the stars – the lanternist will find the mysterious image that so deeply captivated him long ago.'



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