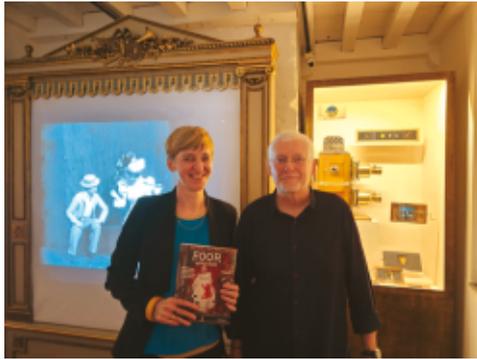


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FAIRGROUND WONDERS

An exhibition about what you would find at a fair in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with attractions including such as "new scientific inventions, exotic animals and 'miracle' workers", has opened in Ghent, Belgium, and will run until 26 April 2025. **Ditmar Bollaert** – pictured with **Nele Wynants** at the opening – has lent some slides and lanterns. The exhibition is in the Museum Huis van Alijn in Ghent.



AWARD IN SPAIN

MLS member **Alberto Cañada Zarranz** reports: "I have recently been awarded the REX Prize (awarded in Navarra, Spain) for my career in the world of cinema promotion. One of my proudest achievements has been to build up a collection of pre-cinematographic and cinematographic devices, with a special

focus on magic lanterns (more than 50). This was recognised at this awards ceremony." The photo shows Alberto in his library with some of his collection.

A LOT ON YOUR PLATE?

Lester Smith has sent this photograph of a set of plates produced by the Lears' Magical Lanterns (see *TML* 44). The images show some of their best-known magic lantern slides, including 'Man swallowing rats' and the battle at sea, together with Queen Victoria! Lester says: "I bought these soon after we got to know about the Lears. They are very attractive but nobody else seems to have seen them. There is a label on the other side – but it mostly tells you how to clean them!"



DIARY DATES

2026

24 January

AGM of the Magic Lantern Society
The Musical Museum, Brentford, London, UK

23-26 April

21st Convention of the Magic Lantern Society of US and Canada
Village at Black Creek, Toronto, Canada

2 May

Spring Meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Swedenborg Hall, London, UK

18 July

Summer Meeting of the Magic Lantern Society
Millenium Hall, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire, UK

9-11 October

50th anniversary Convention
The Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

NEW MEMBERS

Karrie Fransman	London, UK
Joe Kember	Exeter, UK
Irene Silvera Frischknecht	London, UK

AN EXCITING DISCOVERY

Deac Rossell reports: "Janelle Blankenship, of the American Magic Lantern Research Group run by Terry Borton, has told me that she has found an actual copy of the Beechey Trinoptric Lantern (see *TML* 42, p. 9), at The Village at Black Creek, an open-air museum just outside Toronto where the US and Canada MLS are holding their next convention in April 2026. This one was manufactured by Abraham Abraham in Birmingham, who were the licensees of Beechey and produced his lantern. I understand that they will present this lantern, and others, as part of the US and Canada convention programme."

