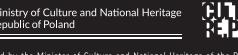


# The Dark Arts

## FILM PROGRAMME

The Adam Mickiewicz Institute, Cinema Center "Romuva", M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art and The Polish Institute in Vilnius present a film programme accompanying the exhibition "The Dark Arts: Aleksandra Waliszewska and Symbolism from the East and North".



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March 10th	6 pm
<b>The Wolf,</b> dir. Marek Piestrak, 1982, Poland	
March 29th	6 pm
<b>The White Reindeer,</b> dir. Erik Bromberg 1952, Finland	
April 5th	6 pm
<b>Valerie and Her Week of Wonders,</b> dir. Jaromil Jireš, 1972, Czechoslovakia	
April 20th	6 pm
<b>The She-Butterfly,</b> dir. Đorđe Kadijević, 1973, Yugoslavia	
May 9th	6 pm
<b>The Lure,</b> dir. Agnieszka Smoczyńska, 2015, Poland	

Film programme curator: Tomasz Kolankiewicz

The exhibition is at the National M. K. Čiurlionis Museum of Art from February 3 to May 22.



Screenings will be held at Kaunas Cinema Center "Romuva", Laisvės al. 54, Kaunas



Tickets are available at [www.kcromuva.lt](http://www.kcromuva.lt) and at the cinema box office.

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Aleksandra Waliszewska's paintings have a very strong narrative component, the artist creates her own worlds on the border of reality and dream, the real and the unreal. By incorporating elements of various mythologies she creates her fabulous universes. In this aspect her art is close to cinema, which is the art of telling stories and creating new worlds. The film review accompanying the exhibition consists of films that do not refer to the artist's work so much as they grow from the same core and are intuitively similar to each other. The logic of the review itself follows two lines: on one hand older films, both artistic and genre, horror cinema and symbolic artistic new wave cinema, on the other contemporary European films drawing from the same sources as Waliszewska's work, original works that fit into the models of hybrid genre cinema operating on the borderline of horror and fairy tales. In the review revolves around two main themes: rites of passage, mainly related to growing up, the transition from the group of young people to adults (Valerie and her Week of Wonders, The Lure), marriage and romantic love (The White Deer, Leptirica) and death with the transition from the group of the living to the dead (The Wolf, Leptirica) and secondly regional pre-Christian beliefs, filmed in the formula of folk horror (The White Deer, The Wolf, Leptirica). The folkloric aspect of these works is very important in the review, starting from the borderline category present at the exhibition itself, we have the Baltic Sea: Poland, Finland and Central Europe: Czechoslovakia and Poland, as well as the Balkans with the former Yugoslavia.



**2. The White Reindeer (Valkoinen peura),**  
dir. Erik Bromberg, prod. Finland 1952

A young Sámi woman Prita marries her beloved reindeer herder Aslak. When the man sets off with his herd to graze, the woman begins to fear loneliness more and more. She turns to a local Sámi shaman for help to rekindle Aslak's passion. Unfortunately, this is tantamount to transforming Prita into a vampire shapeshifting to a white reindeer.

**4. The She-Butterfly, (Leptirica),**  
dir. Đorđe Kadijević, prod. Yugoslavia, 1973

Young Strahinja, in the face forbidden to marry the daughter of a local rich man, sets out on a journey. He stops at a haunted mill. As a new miller, he will have to face impure forces! Will the village boy finally be able to reunite with his beloved girl?



**3. Valerie and her Week of Wonders (Valerie a týden divů),**  
dir. Jaromil Jires, prod. Czechoslovakia 1972

Valeria's earrings are stolen in her sleep. Will the girl be able to get them back? And what role will the girl's mother and grandmother play in the story?



**1. The Wolf, (Wilczyca),**  
dir. Marek Piestrak, prod. Poland 1983

A woman on her deathbed curses her husband: if he dies, she will haunt him from beyond the grave! Her words are all the more dangerous because during her lifetime, as rumor has it, "she used to hang out with wolves." Will the curse be stronger than death?



**5. The Lure, (Córki dancingu),**  
dir. Agnieszka Smoczyńska, prod. Poland 2015

Agnieszka Smoczyńska's daring feature debut. A fairy-tale vision of the 80s in the People's Republic of Poland, a world of dancehalls and nightclubs, smelling of cigarette smoke and vodka. Two mermaids come to this land and take the Warsaw music scene by storm. However, mermaids belong in the water, not on land. Will they be able to reconcile their animal nature with human desires?



# FILMŲ PROGRAMA



Adomo Mickevičiaus institutas, kino teatras „Romuva“, Nacionalinis M. K. Čiurlionio dailės muziejus bei Lenkijos institutas Vilniuje pristato parodą „Kraupios istorijos: Aleksandra Waliszewska ir Rytų bei Šiaurės Europos simbolizmas“ lydinčią filmų programą.



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