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Before Alfred Hitchcock rose to fame, German director Fritz Lang was considered by many to be cinema's pre-eminent master of suspense. Lang's thrillers and crime epics had an abiding influence on Hitchcock's visual and narrative storytelling, even as, years later, Hitchcock's films would in turn exert their narrative and stylistic influence on the crime films and gothic melodramas Lang made while in America. Significantly, both directors returned time and again to themes of murder and guilty entrapment in the films they created. This study considers the murder scene as the key to understanding the contrasts between Hitchcock's and Lang's aesthetic, narrative and moral visions. It focuses in particular on the ways in which both directors use architecture and filmic space to communicate, in purely cinematic terms, a metaphysics of murder. It concurrently examines the implications of the directors' spatial strategies on larger thematic issues such as guilt, identity, sexuality, and the creation of suspense. The book is addressed primarily to students and scholars of Hitchcock and Lang, classic cinema, film aesthetics, and the use of architecture in film.

The German Cinema Book Princeton University Press

The Mabuse phenomenon is recognized as an icon of horror in Germany as Frankenstein and Dracula are in the United States. A study of the 12 motion pictures and five books (and some secondary films) that make up the eight decades of adventures of master criminal Mabuse, created by author Norbert Jacques in the best-selling 1922 German novel and brought to the screen by master filmmaker Fritz Lang in the same year. Both on screen and off, the story of Dr. Mabuse is a story of love triangles and revenge, of murder, suicides, and suspicious deaths, of betrayals and paranoia, of fascism and tyranny, deceptions and conspiracies, mistaken identities, and transformation. This work, featuring much information never before published in English, provides an understanding of a modern mythology whose influence has pervaded popular culture even while the name Mabuse remains relatively unknown in the United States.

The Movies by Fritz Lang Boydell & Brewer

Thea von Harbou's classic was the basis for the screenplay for Fritz Lang's groundbreaking 1926 science fiction epic of the same name. This edition of the novel is "stillustrated" with scenes from the film.

Rainer on Film Univ of California Press

The demise of the New German Cinema and the return of popular cinema since the 1990s have led to a renewed interest in the postwar years and the complicated relationship between East and West German cinema in particular. A survey of the 1950s, as

offered here for the first time, is therefore long overdue. Moving beyond the contempt for "Papa's Kino" and the nostalgia for the fifties found in much of the existing literature, this anthology explores new uncharted territories, traces hidden connections, discovers unknown treasures, and challenges conventional interpretations. Informed by cultural studies, gender studies, and the study of popular cinema, this anthology offers a more complete account by focusing on popular genres, famous stars, and dominant practices, by taking into account the complicated relationships between East vs. West German, German vs. European, and European vs. American cinemas; and by paying close attention to the economic and political conditions of film production and reception during this little-known period of German film history.

Fritz Lang's Metropolis Columbia University Press

*Includes pictures *Includes a bibliography for further reading "I was something that is always hated in Hollywood - a perfectionist; nobody likes a perfectionist, you know." - Fritz Lang While it's easily forgotten today, during the early 20th century, various European countries had vibrant film industries, and even though Hollywood had already staked its claim as the forerunner of the international cinematic landscape by the 1920s, national cinemas in Sweden, Germany, and elsewhere throughout Western Europe enjoyed great power during this period. During that time, Germany's most renowned film directors were pioneering the genre known as Expressionism, and within it, Fritz Lang was known as the "Master of Darkness." Together with his eventual wife, Thea von Harbou, Lang wrote a number of acclaimed movies, including Dr. Mabuse the Gambler (1922), Die Nibelungen (1924), Metropolis (1927), and Woman in the Moon (1929). Eventually, a number of Europe's biggest movie stars and directors came to Hollywood, such as Greta Garbo, Ingrid Bergman, and Alfred Hitchcock, but Lang's course to America came under far different circumstances. As Adolf Hitler rose to power and strengthened the Nazis' grip over Germany, the party's coarse antisemitism took root across all segments of society. As Jews were further persecuted, German Jews from all walks of life went into exile, and the loss of so many bright minds has led historians to the conclusion that the exodus could have made the difference in World War II. As scientists like Albert Einstein made their way out of the country to safety, they served as further proof that in addition to being dogmatically racist, the Nazis were also incompetent and self-defeating. Coinciding with Hitler's rise, Lang was filming The Testament of Dr. Mabuse, and it was quickly viewed as a biting commentary on the Nazi Party. On March 30, 1933, the Nazi regime banned it, and Lang later claimed that propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels confided to him that he loved the movie. By then, Lang was known for noir films, especially M, a dark movie about a child murderer. Compelled to leave Germany, Lang made his way to Hollywood

and quickly established himself there, leading to a career spanning 20 years. Continuing with the same themes as the ones he used in Germany, Lang helped establish noir as one of the most popular film genres of the 1950s in America, with influential works like *Scarlett Street*, and his most famous film, *The Big Heat* (1953). By 1960, however, his health began to decline, and thus so did his output, which was somewhat ironic because he brought the Mabuse series of films full circle with 1960's *The Thousand Eyes of Dr. Mabuse*, which revived interest in Mabuse and led to more films being made for the series. As fate would have it, though, those films would be produced by German producer Artur Brauner, not Lang himself. *Fritz Lang: The Life and Legacy of the Influential German-American Film Legend* chronicles his career in front of the camera and behind it. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Lang like never before.

Fritz Lang Camden House

Metropolis - Thea von Harbou - The classic twentieth-century science fiction novel by the screenwriter of the Fritz Lang film, the famed director's wife and collaborator. A divided twenty-first-century city sets the stage for this novel of a future dystopia. While the wealthy live in a decadent playground of sex and drugs, workers toil underground operating the machines that keep the city running. When Freder, the son of the leader of *Metropolis*, sees the horrific conditions the workers are exposed to, he becomes disillusioned with his father's vision and captivated by a woman named Maria who is fighting for unity among the classes. Desperate to maintain the status quo, Freder's father unleashes a robot that looks like Maria to wreak suspicion and doubt and crush the rebellion, a move that puts Freder and the real Maria's love—and lives—at risk. "The language of the novel is sometimes as thesauric as Shiel, as kaleidoscopic as Merritt, as bone-spore as Ray Bradbury, as poetic as Poe, as macabre as Machen. . . . You will have an experience in reading that will last you all the rest of your life." —Forrest J. Ackerman, editor of *Spacemen* magazine "The movie's status as one of the great dystopian science fiction tales is secure. Thea von Harbou's novel deserves to be recognized as an important work of science fiction in its own right. It's also a relatively rare and therefore interesting example of German science fiction." —Vintage Pop Fictions "The latent power of the story seems clearer in prose. You can see more clearly the contrast of past and present, of magic and technology, of gods and gadgetry." —Black Gate

Shell Shock Cinema Castle Keep Press

Shell Shock Cinema explores how the classical German cinema of the Weimar Republic was haunted by the horrors of World War I and the devastating effects of the nation's defeat. In this exciting new book, Anton Kaes argues that masterworks such as *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, *Nosferatu*, *The Nibelungen*, and *Metropolis*, even though they do not depict battle scenes or soldiers in combat, engaged the war and registered its tragic aftermath. These films reveal a wounded nation in post-traumatic shock, reeling from a devastating defeat that it never officially acknowledged, let alone accepted. Kaes uses the term "shell shock"—coined during World War I to describe soldiers suffering from nervous breakdowns—as a metaphor for the psychological wounds that found expression in Weimar cinema. Directors like Robert Wiene, F. W. Murnau, and Fritz Lang portrayed paranoia, panic, and fear of invasion in films peopled with serial killers, mad scientists, and troubled young men. Combining original close textual analysis with extensive archival research, Kaes shows how this post-traumatic cinema of shell shock transformed extreme psychological states into visual expression; how it pushed the limits of cinematic representation with its fragmented

story lines, distorted perspectives, and stark lighting; and how it helped create a modernist film language that anticipated film noir and remains incredibly influential today. A compelling contribution to the cultural history of trauma, *Shell Shock Cinema* exposes how German film gave expression to the loss and acute grief that lay behind Weimar's sleek façade.

Народная реформация Томаса Мюнцера и Великая крестьянская война Nyweb Technology Co. Ltd.

In this comprehensive companion to Weimar cinema, chapters address the technological advancements of each film, their production and place within the larger history of German cinema, the style of the director, the actors and the rise of the German star, and the critical reception of the film.

The Films of Fritz Lang GRIN Verlag

This remarkable novel, the basis for the world's greatest science-fiction movie, has long been a rare but ardently sought-after collector's item. It is an unforgettable vision of the 21st century and the awe-inspiring city of the future. *Metropolis* has been compared to such classics as George Orwell's *1984*, H. G. Wells's *The Time Machine*, Samuel Butler's *Erewhon*, and Karel Capek's *R.U.R.* Science fiction writer and editor Forrest J Ackerman called it "a work of genius," noting, "The language of the novel is sometimes as thesauric as Shiel, as kaliedoscopic as Merritt, as bone-spore as Bradbury, as poetic as Poe, as macabre as Machen. . . . You will have an experience in reading that will last you all the rest of your life."

Metropolis (豆瓣) Da Capo Press

This collection of critical essays offers an unrivalled and up-to-the-minute assessment of the prolific and resilient life and vision of one of cinema's greatest auteurs. The first edited collection of essays on Fritz Lang's body of work in over thirty years. A comprehensive assessment of one of cinema's most influential figures. Brings together key scholars, including Tom Gunning and Chris Fujiwara, to share their latest insights. Features translated contributions from writers rarely rendered in English such as Nicole Brenez and Paolo Berletto. Offers multinational and multi-perspectival analysis of Lang's oeuvre, including all his key films. *Fritz Lang* G K Hall

Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,3, University of Trier, language: English, abstract: To start with the most important information right away: This paper has been written on the basis that the reader has watched the movie *Rancho Notorious* and is familiar with its plot, its director Fritz Lang, and the actress Marlene Dietrich. The reader ought to get a brief insight into Lang's life before he got into film, through which circumstances he got there, and how he finally ended up in Hollywood. In addition to that I am going to explain some aspect about his character and his work, and especially that he was not every actor's favorite choice. The second big part of this paper will deal with the great Marlene Dietrich, and with the collaboration of her and Lang - two impressive German originated names in America - in *Rancho Notorious*. The paper will conclude with a closer look into the picture and its unique way of narrating the story and providing information to the spectator on three different layers.

M Bloomsbury Publishing

This reference guide on Fritz Lang includes: a biographical sketch; critical overview; chronological listing of films; annotated bibliography of criticism; chronological listing of his writings and other non-directional work; annotated listing of archival sources; and a listing of films.

The Strange Case of Dr. Mabuse Boston : Twayne, 1978, t.p. 1977.

Delves into the life of filmmaker Fritz Lang and explores the

darker side to the man who created unique films filled with sex and murder, including *Metropolis* and *M. Reissue*.

Fritz Lang, a Guide to References and Resources John Wiley & Sons

What seems like closure might be something more, as Catherine Russell shows us in this book about death in narrative cinema since the 1950s. Analyzing the structural importance of death in narrative endings, as well as the thematics of loss and redemption, Russell identifies mortality as a valuable critical tool for understanding the cinema of the second half of the twentieth century. Her work includes close textual readings of films by Fritz Lang, Wim Wenders, Oshima Nagisa, Jean-Luc Godard, and Robert Altman, among others. In these analyses, Russell reveals an uneasy relationship between death and closure, which she traces to anxieties about identity, gender, and national-cultural myths, and also to the persistence of desire. Drawing on the work of Walter Benjamin, she shows us death as a fundamentally allegorical structure in cinema - and as a potential sign of historical difference, with crucial implications for theories of film narrative and spectatorship. "Narrative Mortality" provides an insight into the dynamics of postmodern cinema as it emerged from the modernist preoccupation with existential mortality. By tracing the role of death from a work that precedes the Brechtian cinema of the 60s ("Beyond a reasonable doubt") to several that succeed it ("Nashville", "The State of things"), the book expands the narrative project of new wave cinema and ushers it onto a broad historical plane.

Shell Shock Cinema JHU Press

A collection of conversations about the filmmaker whose life and work spanned six decades of film history

Fritz Lang Wildside Press LLC

This comprehensively revised, updated and significantly extended edition introduces German film history from its beginnings to the present day, covering key periods and movements including early and silent cinema, Weimar cinema, Nazi cinema, the New German Cinema, the Berlin School, the cinema of migration, and moving images in the digital era. Contributions by leading international scholars are grouped into sections that focus on genre; stars; authorship; film production, distribution and exhibition; theory and politics, including women's and queer cinema; and transnational connections. Spotlight articles within each section offer key case studies, including of individual films that illuminate larger histories (*Heimat*, *Downfall*, *The Lives of Others*, *The Edge of Heaven* and many more); stars from Ossi Oswalda and Hans Albers, to Hanna Schygulla and Nina Hoss; directors including F.W. Murnau, Walter Ruttmann, Wim Wenders and Helke Sander; and film theorists including Siegfried Kracauer and Béla Balázs. The volume provides a methodological template for the study of a national cinema in a transnational horizon.

Fritz Lang Santa Monica Press LLC

The Lure of the Image shows how a close study of camera movement challenges key assumptions underlying a wide range of debates within cinema and media studies. Highlighting the shifting intersection of point of view and camera position, Daniel Morgan draws on a range of theoretical arguments and detailed analyses across cinemas to reimagine the relation between spectator and camera—and between camera and film world. With sustained accounts of how the camera moves in films by Fritz Lang, Guru Dutt, Max Ophuls, and Terrence Malick and in contemporary digital technologies, *The Lure of the Image* exposes the persistent fantasy that we move with the camera within the world of the film and examines the ways that filmmakers have exploited this fantasy. In so doing, Morgan provides a more flexible account of camera movement, one that

enables a fuller understanding of the political and ethical stakes entailed by this key component of cinematic style.

Fritz Lang. [Illustr.] (1. Publ.) Bloomsbury Publishing

"More than half a century since its initial publication, this deceptively compact book remains among the most incisive analyses of the formal and perceptual dynamics of cinema. No one who cares about film can afford to remain ignorant of its insights and wisdom. As digital technology fundamentally alters motion pictures, the lessons of *Film as Art* commend themselves as excellent insurance against reinventing the wheel in the new media landscape and hailing it as progress."—Edward Dimendberg author of *Film Noir and the Spaces of Modernity*
 "After more than eight decades, Rudolph Arnheim's small book of film theory remains one of the essential works in defining film art, understanding film less as reproducing the world than as opening up new possibilities for formal play and unexpected imagery. Anyone serious about film, whether scholar, filmmaker or simply a lover of cinema, must take Arnheim seriously."—Tom Gunning, author of *The Films of Fritz Lang and D.W. Griffith and the Origins of American Narrative Film*
 "An aesthetic theory based on the formal 'limitations' of the medium, Arnheim's *Film as Art* always provokes students in an age of few limits and less formality, and they argue and engage this classic text with unparalleled passion. Written in the wake of sound's transformation of the cinema, Arnheim's essays are not only central to understanding a major historical moment in theoretical debates about what constitutes the 'essence' of film, but also are a must read for anyone seeking a lucid, detailed, and rigorous argument about how works of art emerge from expressive constraint as much as expressive freedom."—Vivian Sobchack, author of *Carnal Thoughts*

Sequence Analysis of Fritz Lang's Metropolis University of Illinois Press

Peter Lorre described himself as merely a 'face maker'. His own negative attitude also characterizes traditional perspectives which position Lorre as a tragic figure within film history: the promising European artist reduced to a Hollywood gimmick, unable to escape the murderous image of his role in Fritz Lang's *M*. This book shows that the life of Peter Lorre cannot be reduced to a series of simplistic oppositions. It reveals that, despite the limitations of his macabre star image, Lorre's screen performances were highly ambitious, and the terms of his employment were rarely restrictive. Lorre's career was a complex negotiation between transnational identity, Hollywood filmmaking practices, the ownership of star images and the mechanics of screen performance.

D.W. Griffith and the Origins of American Narrative Film GRIN Verlag

Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 65%, University of Reading, course: Film Narrative, 5 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Urban modernity, Berlin's "Golden Twenties", the cinematographic city -no other movie evokes these clichés more vividly than Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*. Since its publication in 1926/27 it has ever again been praised but also brought a lot of criticism among the audience and reviewers. *Metropolis* stands out from the fantastic film of the silent film era and introduced a new genre in Germany, science-fiction. It compounds motifs of expressionism, "Neue[r] Sachlichkeit", and pulp fiction. Moreover, there are elements of film noir, which connects elements of expressionism and French poetic realism. These elements became obvious in the Father-Son conflict, the existence of a double, the architecture, and the camera-and lighting effects (bright/ dark contrasts/ low-key lighting, iris shatter). Lang manipulated the lighting in *Metropolis*

to reflect harsh contrasts between humanity and technology. Lang's mammoth piece still has a huge impact on contemporary film as we can see in *Star Wars* (1977), *Blade Runner* (1982), and *The Fifth Element* (1997). In this following paper I'm going to analyse a ten-minute sequence that starts in the eternal garden and ends after the explosion in the underworld of the workers. I will focus my analysis on editing, i.e. camera shots, and lighting

since both parts play a very- if not the most- important role for the narrative of *Metropolis*. Moreover, the camera shots used and some invented in *Metropolis* gave way for the following and contemporary films. In this piece of work the original version of *Metropolis*-which has been restored by the Friedrich-Wilhelm Murnau foundation- and was seen in the premiere on 10 January 1927, serves as a primary source.