



19 Somerset Place, Melbourne 3000

ORIGIN AND AIMS OF THE GROUP

The group was originally organised as part of the Melbourne Science Fiction Club. It was separated from the club to allow those interested in movies only to make the regular screening of movies an economical venture.

The group has it's own projector and can seat 50 people at the MSFC clubrooms on those Friday nights that we will be screening films. In the past we have had several problems with projection and sound but hopefully most of these will be eliminated within the next few months. The projector will be moved to the extreme rear of the clubrooms and the screen will be enlarged to take the larger projection area. A fully enclosed projection booth will also be built to cut down on the projection noise. The last item is the updating of the sound system and unfortunately for this we need money, something that we are always short of, but one of these days.....

All this moving of projectors will give us more room to seat people however many sf/horror/fantasy films are not on 16mm and so we have to turn to 35mm in order to see them. This in turn requires we find a theatre and so we have booked the Capri theatre at Murrumbeena for a series of three 35mm shows to be shown over a three month period. This is a very expensive business, particularly since the film companies insist on charging us high prices for their films. The cost of hire of the theatre is also costly and so we require a high rate of attendance from members to make the whole deal worthwhile.

Besides the one show a month at the Capri we will be having 16mm programmes in the clubroom. The dates for the next three months shows are as follows:

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6th

CAPRI THEATRE.....COMEDY OF TERRORS with Boris Karloff, Peter Lorre, Vincent Price & Basil Rathbone in a spoof on horror films. Guest starring Joe E. Brown as the gravedigger.
7.30pm start

DALEK INVASION: 2150 AD with Peter Cushing as Dr Who.

FRIDAY February 20th

19 Somerset PlaceTHE DEVILS BRIDE with Christopher Lee in the Hammer films version of Dennis Wheatly's classic novel of devil worship.
(off Lt. Bourke Street)
8.30pm

MARCH 6th FRIDAY

Capri theatre.....THE WAR GAME the banned BBC TV film by Peter Watkins.
with THE RAVEN starring the immortal Boris Karloff in one of his best performances as an evil old wizard and ably supported by Peter Lorre and Vincent Price. Directed by Roger Corman.
7.45PM start

MARCH 27th/30th

Capri theatre. 9th AUSTRALIAN SF CONVENTION with such films as DANGER:DIABOLIK, BARBARELLA, 2001: A SPACE ODDYSEY, THIS ISLAND EARTH. THE 10TH VICTIM and many others. There will be one movie on the Friday(27th) night, two movies Saturday night, one on Sunday and a full programme of movies on the Monday(30th) There will be talks and discussions on sf/horror movies & censorship and a section on animation of movie monsters by John Moon and hosted by Count Dracula and Ygor.

FRIDAY APRIL 19TH

CAPRI THEATRE.....Dr. Faustus starring Richard Burton. with Torture Garden, a quartette of horror tales centered a sideshow waxworks, scripted by Robert Bloch and featuring Peter Cushing, Jack Palance, Burgess Meridith.
7.45PM

APRIL 24th FRIDAY

MSFC Clubrooms, 19Somerset Place,.....
MODESTY BLAISE. The camp sendup of the Peter O'Donnel heroine as featured in the sun. Monica Vitti, Terrance Stamp and Dirk Bogarde as Gabrielle.
8.30PM start

The programmes listed on the other side will be added to by a series of further 16mm films from the stables of one of the biggest distributors in the business and will feature such top-rate actors as Peter Sellers, Peter O'Toole, Brigitte Bardot & Burt Lancaster, just to name a few. However these particular films will not be announced in any of our film notices so it would be a good idea to keep in close contact with the group on 93 2123 just to be sure that Peter Sellers is not being screened on any of our free friday nights.

During the winter months we will be ceasing operations as far as 35mm is concerned but will continue screening 16mm at the MSFC clubrooms.

COSTS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE FILM GROUP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Joining fee \$2.00 (MSFC members will no longer automatically become members of the film group)

Attendance charges at all screenings - \$1.00 per person per show.

\$1.25 per non-member

(each financial member may bring two friends at \$1.00 each)

Children half price

Though these prices may not compare favourably with other film societies you must remember that the cost of hiring films is in the range of \$20 and this together with other costs makes the film shows very expensive. One bright hope is that as the number of new members rises we will be able to reduce costs.

From time to time we will be screening special items such as Metropolis and other silent classics, serials and excerpts from many films that are unavailable in Australia, films such as KING KONG, BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN & others. We are at present negotiating in an effort to get hold of 16mm prints of some of the early Universal horror films and serials from the USA as the start of our own film library.

We will also be arranging for theatre parties to new sf movies such as the upcoming COLUMBIA film, MAROONED which is due for release soon. We hope to be able to give out a few free tickets to to a special showing of this great film.....and I did say hope!

We would like your support for the film group which is the only film group of it's type in Melbourne. We endeavour to show films of the sf/horror/fantasy variety, many of which have only been shown at drive-ins and have thus been denied to a lot of people who would have wished to see them. (THE DEVILS BRIDE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS) It is only with your support that the group can continue.

As another part of our film group activities, the recent DENDY screening of the silent classic, PHANTOM OF THE OPERA is a good example. Those of you who attended this film would have seen four horrors wandering about handing out book marks. The four horrors were members of the film group who specialise in doing promotional work for horror films and so far have one tv appearance and a turnup at the Columbia premiere of REVENGE OF FRANKENSTEIN. You will be able to meet these horrors at our film group showings of 6TH February and 6th March. Come along and join in the fun - come along in monster costume yourself!

Due soon our club magazine, THE SOMERSET PLACE GAZETTE, featuring news & reviews of films. Free with your membership.

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