



## Inner Sanctums Quay Brothers: The collected animated films 1979-2013

“Wonderful, brilliant stuff.” Terry Gilliam

This comprehensive two-disc Blu-ray set, released by the BFI on 10 October 2016, provides an overview of the Quay Brothers remarkable career. It contains twenty-four of their short films – three UK premieres and five world premieres – and also includes Christopher Nolan’s new short documentary, *Quay* (2015), which reveals the inner workings of the brothers’ studio.

Since the late 1970s, the identical twin Quay Brothers have made a unique contribution to animation in general and the puppet film in particular. Filtering arcane visual, literary, musical, cinematic and philosophical influences through their own utterly distinctive sensibility, each Quay film rivets the attention through hypnotic control of décor, camera, lighting, music and movement, evoking half-remembered dreams, fascinating and yet deeply unsettling in turn.

### The Films

*Nocturna Artificialia* (1979)  
*The Cabinet of Jan Švankmajer* (1984)  
*This Unnameable Little Broom* (1985)  
*Street of Crocodiles* (1986)  
*Rehearsals for Extinct Anatomies* (1988)  
*Stille Nacht I: Dramolet* (1988)  
*Ex-Voto* (1989)  
*The Comb* (1990)  
*Anamorphosis* (1991)  
*The Calligrapher* (Parts I, II, III) (1991)  
*Stille Nacht II: Are We Still Married?* (1992)  
*Stille Nacht III: Tales from Vienna Woods* (1993)  
*Stille Nacht IV: Can't Go Wrong Without You* (1994)  
*In Absentia* (2000)  
*The Phantom Museum* (2003)  
*Songs for Dead Children* (2003)  
*Eurydice, She So Beloved* (2007)  
*Alice in Not so Wonderland* (2007)  
*Kinoteka Ident* (2008)  
*Inventorium of Traces* (2009)  
*Wonderwood for Comme des Garçons* (2010)  
*Maska* (2010)  
*Through the Weeping Glass* (2011)  
*Unmistaken Hands: Ex Voto F.H.* (2013)

### Special features

- Newly remastered presentations
- *Introduction by the Quay Brothers* (2006, 20 mins)
- *Quay* (2015, 8 mins): a film by Christopher Nolan

- Quay Brothers audio commentaries for *This Unnameable Little Broom*, *Street of Crocodiles*, *Stille Nacht I-III* and *In Absentia*
- *The Falls* [excerpt] (1980, 5 mins)
- BFI Distribution ident (1991, 30 secs)
- *The Summit* (1995, 12 mins)
- *No Bones About It: Quay Brothers* (2010, 12 mins)
- *Behind the Scenes with the Quay Brothers* (2013, 31 mins)
- *Unmistaken Hands: Ex Voto F.H.* trailer (2 mins)
- Extensive booklet containing Michael Brooke's 'A Quays Dictionary' (updated) and the 2013 dialogue 'On Deciphering the Pharmacist's Prescription for Lip-Reading Puppets'

**Product details**

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UK / 1979-2013 / colour, black and white / English language / 305 mins / various original aspect ratios // BD50 x 2 / 1080p, 24fps / PCM audio (48kHz/24-bit)

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