



Nosferatu

A Symphony of Horrors

A film by F W Murnau

F W Murnau's horror classic of 1922 was the first screen adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Now newly remastered and accompanied by James Bernard's acclaimed orchestral score, it will be released on Blu-ray by the BFI on 23 November 2015. Special features include a video essay by Christopher Frayling and the short films *Le Vampire* by French filmmaker Jean Painlevé and *The Mistletoe Bough* by early film pioneer Percy Stow, which features a new score by Saint Etienne's Pete Wiggs.

As potent and disturbing now as ever, *Nosferatu* paved the way for the future of gothic cinema. Max Schreck's Count Orlok, bald, bat-eared and rabbit toothed, is at once terrifying and pitiable, his need for blood, for living warmth is palpable to the point of agony.

Featuring some of the most iconic images in cinema, Murnau's interpretation of this great vampire tale has been much imitated not least by Werner Herzog, whose *Nosferatu the Vampyre* is an admiring tribute.

Special features

- Newly restored and remastered, presented in High Definition
- Christopher Frayling on *Nosferatu* (Lynne Wake, 2001, 24 mins): video essay on *Nosferatu* and F W Murnau and Albin Grau's backgrounds and influences
- *Le Vampire* (Jean Painlevé, 1945, 9 mins): Painlevé's study of the South American vampire bat, an allegory for the Nazism that was sweeping throughout Europe at the time
- *The Mistletoe Bough* (Percy Stow, 1904, 8 mins): the oldest film version of a classic Christmas ghost story restored by the BFI, featuring a new score by Saint Etienne's Pete Wiggs
- Image Gallery, featuring some of Albin Grau's original production drawings, stills and designs for publicity materials
- Fully illustrated booklet featuring film credits, film notes by David Kalat and an essay on Albin Grau and *Nosferatu's* occultist origins by Brian J Robb

Product details

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Germany / 1922 / black and white and tinted / silent with English intertitles / 89 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.33:1 / 2.0 stereo PCM (48k/24-bit) and 5.1 DTS-HD master audio

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