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cordially invite you to the screening of the film

Witchhammer

By director Otakar Vávra

Tuesday 23 January 2018 7:30 pm

Husets Biograf

Rådhusstræde 13, 2nd floor, Copenhagen K

One of the most significant films by Otakar Vávra, based on the novel of the same name by Czech author Václav Kaplický, and on preserved court records from witchcraft trials from the period 1678-1695 in Moravia. Inquisitor Boblig, called to investigate a misdemeanour of a beggar, constructs a process which methods assure confession of all accused. A strong power then emerges against orderly citizens, which under the veil of cleansing the region from witches, pursues only its own enrichment and which doesn't hesitate to destroy all opponents and sacrifice the lives of dozens of innocent people. The script is enriched by the obvious allegory about the political processes in the 50's in Czechoslovakia, of which the horrors only came into the light later in the 60's. Thus the film became in general an impressive warning against abuse of unbounded power over people's lives. The film was banned by the communist censorship and put to the safe for twenty years.

Director: Otakar Vávra / Czechoslovakia / 1969 / 103 min. / English subtitles

Due to limited capacity of the cinema, we recommend that you reserve your seat by sending an e-mail to: husetsbio.reservation@mail.dk. Please include the name of the film and the number of reservations desired in the subject line of your e-mail. Entrance fee 50 kr. (cash and MobilePay only).

