

A Short History of Horror Films

Part II: 1930-1936

A Timeline of Horrors (-1950)



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Hollywood's Monsters

The Classical Period (1930-1936)

Dracula

Dracula, 1931
D: Tod Browning, N: Bram Stoker, C: Karl Freund
A: Bela Lugosi (Dracula), Helen Chandler (Mina)

Dracula

If I were to make over the film, I should depict Nosferatu ... not as terrible and fantastic not on the contrary in the guise of an inoffensive young man, charming and most obliging. I should like it to be only on the basis of mild indications, in the beginning, that any anxiety should be aroused in the hero's. Likewise wouldn't it be much more frightening if he were presented to the woman in such a charming aspect?

Andre Gide on *Nosferatu*

quoted from David J. Skal, *The Monster Show*

Frankenstein



Frankenstein, 1931

D: James Whale, N: Mary W. Shelley, M: Jack Pierce
A: Boris Karloff (Monster), Colin Clive (Frankenstein)

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde



Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, 1931

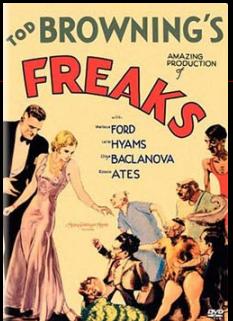
D: Rouben Mamoulian, S: Robert Louis Stevenson
A: Frederich March (Jekyll/Hyde)

The Mummy



The Mummy, 1932
D: Karl Freund, M: Jack Pierce
A: Boris Karloff (Im-Ho-Tep)

Freaks



Freaks, 1932
D: Tod Browning
A: Harry Earles (Hans), Olga Baclanova (Cleopatra)

The Old Dark House



The Old Dark House, 1932
D: James Whale, N: J.B. Priestley
A: Boris Karloff, Charles Laughton, Ernest Thesiger, Gloria Stuart, Raymond Massey

Murders in the Rue Morgue

Murders in the Rue Morgue
1932
D: Robert Florey
St: Edgar Allan Poe
A: Bela Lugosi
(Dr. Mirakle)



White Zombie

White Zombie, 1932
D: Victor Halperin
A: Bela Lugosi





King Kong



King Kong, 1932
D: Merian C Cooper, Ernest B Schoedsack, St: Edgar Wallace, Mu: Max Steiner
A: Fay Wray

The Most Dangerous Game



The Most Dangerous Game, 1932
D: Irving Pichel, Ernest B Schoedsack, Mu: Max Steiner
A: Joel McCrea, Fay Wray, Leslie Banks

Mystery of the Wax Museum



Mystery of the Wax Museum, 1933
D: Michael Curtiz
A: Lionel Atwell, Fay Wray

The Black Cat



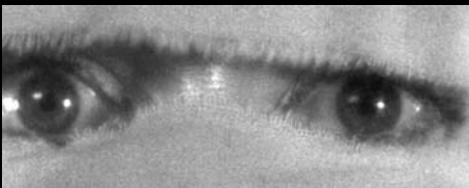
The Black Cat, 1934
D: Edgar G Ulmer, St: Edgar Allan Poe
A: Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi

The Werewolf of London



The Werewolf of London, 1935
D: Stuart Walker, M: Jack Pierce
A: Henry Hull (Dr. Glendon)

Bride of Frankenstein



Bride of Frankenstein, 1935
D: James Whale
A: Boris Karloff (Monster), Colin Clive (Dr. Frankenstein), Elsa Lanchester

The Devil Doll



The Devil Doll, 1936

D: Tod Browning, S: Erich von Stroheim, Browning, N: Abraham Merritt

A: Lionel Barrymore, Rafaela Ottiano

Timeline



Dracula, 1931



King Kong, 1932



Frankenstein, 1931



Freaks, 1932



Bride of Frankenstein, 1935

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