

German Expressionism festival brings moody movies to Regina

Caligari Project running next several months

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For many years, Regina has held multicultural and folk music festivals — but now there's a new one celebrating German expressionism.

The Caligari Project is being featured at various venues throughout the city.

It's named after *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, the classic German film from the silent era.

"*Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* is just an amazing film; just this visually bizarre film," said Gerald Saul, a film instructor at the University of Regina who is one of the driving forces behind the festival.

German Expressionism is a term used to describe an artistic movement that arose after the First World War.

In films, it is characterized by dark themes, moody atmosphere, the use of shadows, painted backdrops, weird angles, and peculiar makeup.

But it's a movement that extends beyond movies to dance, theatre, painting and other arts, Saul said.

Events continue into the fall.

Tonight, the 1923 silent film *Warning Shadows* is playing at the Regina Public Library film theatre at 7 p.m. CST.

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