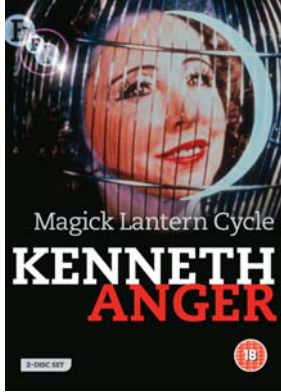


DVD and Blu-ray press release



Magick Lantern Cycle Kenneth Anger

Self-styled magician Kenneth Anger is one of the most distinctive artists in cinema. On 25 May the BFI releases Anger's *Magick Lantern Cycle* – a collection of ten experimental short films – on DVD and on Blu-ray for the first time. Kenneth Anger will be at BFI Southbank on 12 May to introduce a special screening of *Rabbit's Moon*.

Renowned as the author of the scandalous best-selling book *Hollywood Babylon*, Kenneth Anger is a legend in his own time. The mythology that has grown around him has many sources, from his involvement with the occult, astrology and the pop world of Mick Jagger, Marianne Faithfull and Jimmy Page, to the announcement of his own death in the pages of the *Village Voice*, and the destruction, loss and banning of his films.

At the heart of all this mythology is a filmmaker of prodigious talent, whose skill and imagination create films of great visual force, influencing filmmakers such as Martin Scorsese, David Lynch and RW Fassbinder.

The *Magick Lantern Cycle*, released in a 2-disc set, contains the following films: *Fireworks* (1947); *Puce Moment* (1949); *Rabbit's Moon* (1950/1971, the rarely seen 16 mins version); *Eaux d'Artifice* (1953); *Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome* (1954); *Scorpio Rising* (1964); *Kustom Kar Kommandos* (1965); *Invocation of My Demon Brother* (1969); *Rabbit's Moon* (1979); *Lucifer Rising* (1981).

Special features

- Newly recorded commentaries by Kenneth Anger
- *The Man We Want to Hang* (2002) – Anger's film on the art of Aleister Crowley
- Restoration work demo
- *Anger Me* (2006) – Elio Gelmini's portrait of Kenneth Anger
- Illustrated booklet containing *Modesty and the Art of Film* (1951), an original article by Kenneth Anger; *The Crowned and Conquering Child* (2008), a newly commissioned essay by author Gary Lachman; and film credits

Kenneth Anger Shoots the Moon – BFI Southbank Special Event

Kenneth Anger will introduce a special screening of *Rabbit's Moon* (1950 version). After the screening, we welcome Gary Lachman, Iain Forsyth and Jane Pollard to discuss with Anger his influences and legacy. **Tue 12 May 18:20 NFT1** Tickets £9, concs £6.65

NB. We expect Kenneth Anger to be available for interview on 12 May.

Release date: 25 May 2009

RRP: DVD £22.99 / Blu-ray £24.99

USA / 1947 - 1981 / colour and b&w / English / cert 18 / original aspect ratio 1.33:1

DVD: cat. no. BFIVD628 / 186 + 71 mins / DVD9 + DVD5 / Dolby Digital stereo audio

BD: cat. no. BFIB1010 / 188 mins + 71 mins / BD50 + DVD5 / 1080p / 24fps

BFI DVD and Blu-ray titles are available from all good retailers; by mail order from the BFI Filmstore Tel: 020 7815 1350 or online at www.bfi.org.uk/filmstore

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