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Mummy's the Word When Brooklyn Museum of Art Presents *Exquisite Corpse: Mummies on Film Saturdays in January at 1 and 3 p.m.*

Murder Mystery Games Follow January 12 and 19 Films

Whether it's *The Mummy* starring Boris Karloff, Christopher Lee's portrayal of *The Mummy*, *The Mummy's Hand*, or the acclaimed Egyptian film *Al-Mummia*, the **Brooklyn Museum of Art** will celebrate the ***Exquisite Corpse: Mummies on Film*** each Saturday in January. The series coincides with the special exhibition *Eternal Egypt: Masterworks of Ancient Art from The British Museum* now on view.

In addition, on January 12 and 19, a special ***Murder Mystery Night*** will follow the 3 p.m. film from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free with a mummy movie ticket or Museum admission purchased on the day of the event. Seats are limited and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register call 718-638-5000, ext. 934. Participants can help solve a make believe murder committed on an archeological dig in 1895. The event is for adults and costumes are encouraged!

Hosted by Museum educators, *Murder Mystery Night* is sponsored by Decipher.com and Decipher Inc., makers of the "How to Host A Murder Mystery" boxed games, which will be on sale at the event.

The first film in the series, on January 5, at 1 and 3 p.m., is *The Mummy* (Karl Freund, 1932, 73 min., not rated). Boris Karloff plays the mummy, disguised as the modern Egyptian Ardath Bey. He attempts to reunite with his lost love, an ancient princess who has been reincarnated as a beautiful young woman.

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On January 12, at 1 and 3 p.m. Karloff returns, this time as a tragic lover mummified alive after he tries to revive his dead princess. On January 19 at 1 and 3 p.m. is the 1959 remake of *The Mummy* (Terrence Fisher, 1959, 86 min., not rated, adult content) starring Christopher Lee as the mummy and Peter Cushing as his nemesis. This classic breathed new life into the mummy film genre. *Murder Mystery Night* at the Museum follows the 3 p.m. screening of these films.

A completely different film on the same topic, *Al-Mummiya* (Chadi Abdel Salam, 1969, 100 min., not rated, in Arabic with English subtitles), will be presented January 26. In this critically acclaimed film, a family of grave robbers discovers a cache of royal mummies on the west bank at Luxor. A chat about the film with *Eternal Egypt* curator Dr. Edna R. Russmann follows the 3 p.m. screening.

Saturday afternoon screenings take place in the Museum's Iris and B Gerald Cantor Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 (\$3 for members, students, and older adults; \$2 for children twelve and under). Programs subject to change. Call (718) 638-5000 and press 1 and then 5 for up-to-date information.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission:

Contribution \$6; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$3. Free to Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Group tours or visits can be arranged through the Education Division, ext. 234.

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (2 or 3) to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop. Bus: B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
First Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; all other Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.