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UNM-LA Monster Movie Thursdays begins June 10 with “Nosferatu”

UNM-Los Alamos kicks off Monster Movie Thursdays at 6 p.m. on June 10th with "Nosferatu" (94 minutes). A free scary film will be shown each Thursday from 6:00-8:00 in the UNM-LA Lecture Hall inside the Student Center. The film will be preceded by a 10 minute informative session by UNM-LA instructor, Mickey Marsee. The films are being shown in conjunction with the class “The Monster Within,” but everyone is invited to attend the free Thursday movies.

Filmed in 1922, directed by F. W. Murnau, "Nosferatu" is the first film based on Bram Stoker's Dracula. Stoker's widow actually sued the director for plagiarism and won; the film negatives were destroyed as part of the settlement, but copies of the film remained. The film, an excellent example of 1920's German Expressionism, is a tour de force of literature, cinema, psychology, heterosexuality, homosexuality, and politics, even predicting the advent of the spread of Nazism and Hitler. Max Schreck plays the vampire who is not a flamboyant playboy of the night, but a self-loathing, almost animal-like, shadow-man tortured by a curse.

Monster Movie Thursdays will continue June 17 with “Frankenstein” (1930), “Dracula” (1931) on June 24, “Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein” (1994 rated R) on July 1, “Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” (2004) on July 8, “Picture of Dorian Gray” (1945) on July 15, “Island of Dr. Moreau” (1977) on July 22 and “Blade Runner (1982 rated R) on July 29.