

ASED Summer Evening Event*

Wednesday Evening, July 18

Freaks

The Movie Banned around the World

Special viewing of the 1932 cult classic, hosted by Len Sawisch, Ph.D., Developmental Psychologist, Disability Advocate, & State Employee

The film *Freaks*, directed by Tod Browning in 1932 (66 min) and once banned in the US and other countries, still stirs controversy about disability and disability culture. Genuine circus sideshow performers were cast for this film. Was it controversial for its depiction of people with disabilities or because people with disabilities played the roles?

German "little person" Hans falls in love with the average-sized trapeze artist Cleopatra. Discovering Hans is heir to a fortune, Cleopatra inveigles him into a marriage, planning to then bump him off and run away with circus strongman Hercules. What she doesn't consider is the "code of honor" among circus freaks. . . .

Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m.
Wells Hall, Room B106
MSU Campus
N.E. Corner Shaw Lane &
Red Cedar Rd



* The Showing is part of the Kresge Art Museum series "Circus: The Art of the Strange & Curious." <http://www.artmuseum.msu.edu/exhibitions/current/circus>

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