

Film title

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Tagline

Based on Victor Hugo's immortal classic

Short synopsis

Quasimodo, the hunchback of Notre-Dame, sacrifices himself to save beautiful Esmeralda, a gipsy that Don Claude wants to perish.

Long synopsis

In 15th-century Paris, Jehan, the evil brother of the archdeacon, lusts after a Gypsy named Esmeralda and commands the hunchback Quasimodo to capture her. Military captain Phoebus also loves Esmeralda and rescues her, but the Gypsy is not unsympathetic to Quasimodo's condition, and an unlikely bond forms between them. After vengeful Jehan frames Esmeralda for the attempted murder of Phoebus, Quasimodo's feelings are put to the test. The film was Universal's "Super Jewel" of 1923 and was their most successful silent film, grossing over \$3 million. The film is based on Victor Hugo's 1831 novel of the same name, and is notable for the grand sets that recall 15th century Paris as well as for Chaney's performance and make-up as the tortured hunchback Quasimodo. The film elevated Chaney, already a well-known character actor, to full star status in Hollywood, and also helped set a standard for many later horror films, including Chaney's The Phantom of the Opera in 1925. New restoration in 2007 from the only original print existing, 15' longer than any other version available. With symphonic original score re/recorded in 2006 by Robert Israel.

Technical information and credits

Original title: The Hunchback of Notre Dame
English title: The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Year: 1923
Country:
Language: Silent
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 133 min
Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Drama, Historically
Directed by: Wallace Worsley
Written by: Victor Hugo, Perley Poore Sheehan, Edward T. Lowe Jr., Chester L. Roberts
Edited by: Edward Curtiss, Maurice Pivar, Sydney Singerman
Cinematography: Robert Newhard, Tony Kornman, Virgil Miller, Stephen S. Norton, Charles J. Stumar

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Awards

Actors

Lon Chaney, Patsy Ruth Miller, Norman Kerry, Kate Lester, Winifred Bryson, Nigel De Brulier

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