

**Film title**

The Seventh Seal

**Tagline**

He cries out to God, he cries out, but no one comes  
out of the darkness

**Short synopsis**

A knight returning to Sweden after the Crusades seeks  
answers about life, death, and the existence of God as  
he plays chess against the Grim Reaper during the  
Black Plague.

**Long synopsis**

Knight Antonius Block (Max von Sydow) returns to Sweden, after having fought in the crusades, only to find misery, plague, fanatical religious practices and Death - with whom he has a long game of chess. If he wins, he lives, if not, he'll allow Death to claim him. During the game they find themselves in spirited discussion about the God and the religion. The Seventh Seal is one of the most influential European art movies and it won a multitude of awards, including the Special Jury Prize at the 1957 Cannes Film Festival.

**Technical information and credits**

Original title: Det sjunde inseglet  
English title: The Seventh Seal  
Year: 1957  
Country: Sweden  
Language: sv, la  
Subtitles: cz  
Running time: 97 min  
Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Drama, Historically, Mystery  
Directed by: Ingmar Bergman  
Written by: Ingmar Bergman  
Edited by: Lennart Wallén  
Cinematography: Gunnar Fischer

**Awards**

Cannes IFF - Special Jury Prize - 1957

**Actors**

Bibi Andersson, Max von Sydow, Bengt Ekerot, Gunnar  
Björnstrand, Nils Poppe

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