

THE **EUROCRYPT** OF

**CHRISTOPHER LEE**

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**SHERLOCK HOLMES**  
AND  
**THE DEADLY NECKLACE**

**CHALLENGE**  
THE **DEVIL**

**CRYPT** OF THE  
**VAMPIRE**

**Castle of the**  
**Living Dead**

THE  
**TORTURE CHAMBER**  
OF **DR. SADISM**

**THEATRE**  
**MACABRE**



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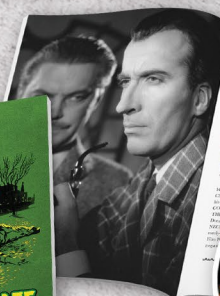
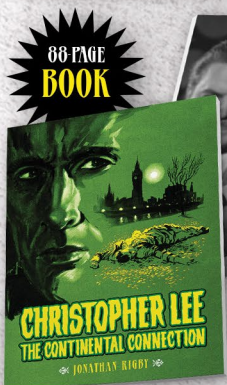
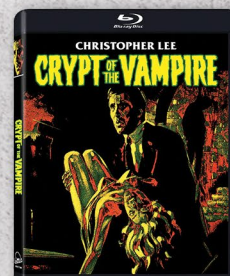
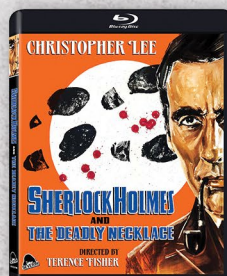
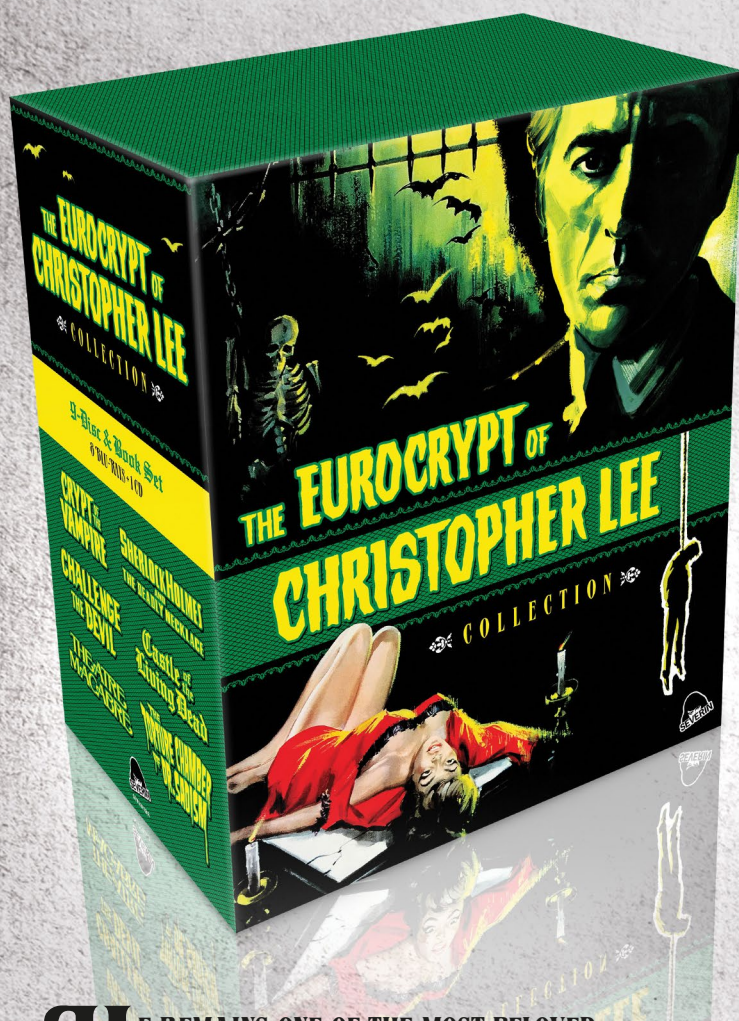


**"FROM DRACULA TO JEDI MASTER, BOND VILLAIN TO A METAL GOD, CHRISTOPHER LEE'S 70-YEAR CAREER WAS RICH, VARIED AND OFTEN, PRETTY WEIRD."**

*The Guardian*

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AND BONUS DISC OF RARE INTERVIEWS  
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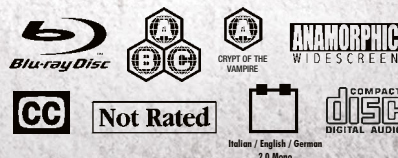
**H**E REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST BELOVED horror/fantasy icons in US/UK pop culture history, but Christopher Lee delivered several of the most compelling, acclaimed and bizarre performances of his entire career in 1960s Europe. **THE EUROCRYPT OF CHRISTOPHER LEE** brings together five of these Lee classics – the 1964 gothic shocker **CRYPT OF THE VAMPIRE**; the 1964 cult hit **CASTLE OF THE LIVING DEAD** co-starring an unknown Donald Sutherland; 1962's celebrated **SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE DEADLY NECKLACE**; 1967's lurid favorite **THE TORTURE CHAMBER OF DR. SADISM** and the rarely-seen 1963 oddity **CHALLENGE THE DEVIL** – with the 24 surviving episodes of the 1971 *Film Polski* anthology series **THEATRE MACABRE** hosted by Lee, all remastered from negative materials with over 10 hours of trailers, rare promos, audio commentaries & vintage interviews, plus the **CASTLE OF THE LIVING DEAD** soundtrack and an all-new 88-page book by Lee biographer Jonathan Rigby.

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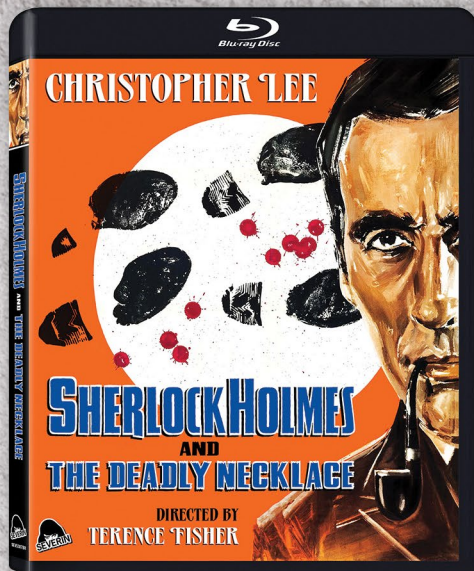
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## "WHAT A WONDERFUL HOLMES..."

Lee's interpretation of the character is one of the finest ever."

DVD Drive-In

### THE FIRST AUTHORIZED U.S. DISC RELEASE OF LEE'S ONLY MOVIE PERFORMANCE AS HOLMES

Shortly after their hit collaboration on *THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES*, **Christopher Lee** and director **Terence Fisher** (*HORROR OF DRACULA*) returned to Holmesiana for Lee's sole feature film portrayal of the world's greatest detective. Shot in Berlin with Hammer regular **Thorley Walters** as Dr. Watson, Lee considered it to be "one of the best things I've ever done because I tried to play Holmes really as he was written – as a very intolerant, argumentative, difficult man." **Senta Berger** (*WHEN WOMEN HAD TAILS*) and **Ivan Desny** (*THE MARRIAGE OF MARIA BRAUN*) co-star in this 1962 West German-French-Italian co-production produced by **Artur Brauner** (*VAMPYROS LESBOS*) from a screenplay by **Curt Siodmak** (*THE WOLF MAN*) and based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *Valley Of Fear*, now scanned in 2K from the German negative.

B&W / 1962 / 86 mins

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Audio Commentary with Film Writers Kim Newman & Barry Forshaw



Video	1080p FULL HD RESOLUTION
Audio	English / German Mono 2.0



## "LEE'S JOURNEY INTO PERVERSION..."

His work in Italy between 1961 and 1964 evokes worlds which function through paradigms of sadism, masochism, fetishism, torture and the pleasure both characters & viewer take in violence."

*Sense Of Cinema*

### LEE'S ULTRA-RARE FAUSTIAN SHOCKER NOW REMASTERED FROM THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE

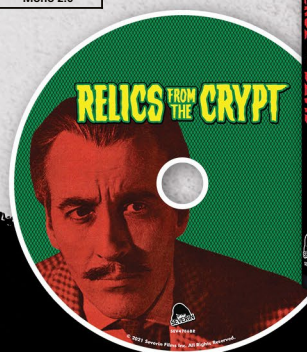
In the most obscure film of his early '60s Italian period – if not his entire career – **Christopher Lee** stars in this brilliantly bizarre combination of neo-realist crime thriller, tawdry Christian melodrama, fizzy cabaret musical and trippy gothic horror, culminating in a gang of bongo-crazed delinquents menaced by a white-haired Lee as a sinister Victorian who may be Satan himself. **Giorgio Ardisson** (*HERCULES IN THE HAUNTED WORLD*) stars in this staggering 1963 oddity that marked the sole screen credit of writer/director **Giuseppe Vegezzi**, who attempted suicide shortly before its release. Also known as *KATARSIS* and little-seen for over 50 years, it is now scanned in 2K from the Italian negative for the first time ever.

B&W / 1963 / 79 mins

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

- *Dance With The Devil* – Interview with Roberto Curti, Author of *Mavericks of Italian Cinema*
- *The Importance Of Being Giorgio* – Interview with Giorgio Ardisson Over Two Decades
- Trailer

Video	1080p FULL HD RESOLUTION
Audio	Italian Mono 2.0



#### BONUS BLU-RAY

A collection of interviews with **Christopher Lee** over the years and other related horror featurettes, including the first ever release of the recently unearthed 20 minute 1964 Swiss TV documentary **HORROR!!!** featuring interviews with **Lee**, **Boris Karloff**, **Vincent Price**, **Roy Ashton**, **Roger Corman** and behind-the-scenes footage of *THE GORGON* and *MASQUE OF THE RED DEATH*.

## "TRULY HAUNTING..."

Brimming with atmosphere and shot in authentic gothic ruins, it's a must for anyone who enjoys vintage horror starring Christopher Lee."

DVD Drive-In

### THE FIRST OFFICIAL U.S. BLU-RAY RELEASE NOW SCANNED FROM A FINE-GRAIN 35MM MASTER

In a lavish gothic shocker inspired by Sheridan Le Fanu's immortal novella *Carmilla*, **Christopher Lee** delivers a rare 'hero' turn as nobleman Count Karnstein whose foreboding castle teems with ancestral curses, unnatural desires, philosophical hunchbacks and grisly acts of vengeance. **Adriana Ambesi** (*FANGS OF THE LIVING DEAD*) co-stars in this 1964 Spanish-Italian co-production – also known as *TERROR IN THE CRYPT* and *CRYPT OF HORROR* – directed by **Camillo Mastrocinque** (*AN ANGEL FOR SATAN*) as **Thomas Miller** & **Robert Spafford** from a screenplay by **Ernesto Gastaldi** (*ALL THE COLORS OF THE DARK*) as **Julian Berry** and **Tonino Valerii** (*MY NAME IS NOBODY*) as **Robert Bohr**, now featuring a 2K scan from a fine-grain 35mm master print.

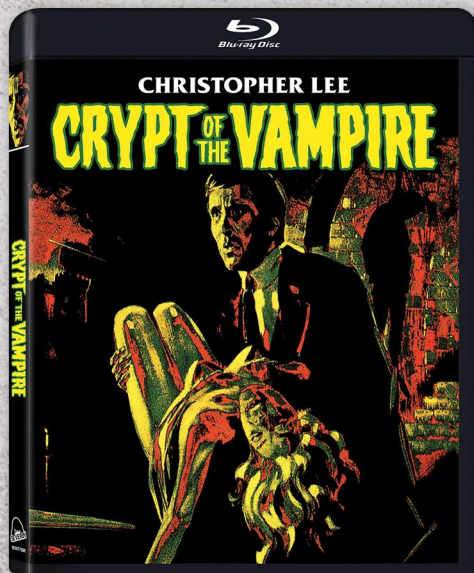
B&W / 1964 / 85 mins

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Trailer



Video	1080p FULL HD RESOLUTION
Audio	English / Italian Mono 2.0





## "REQUIRED VIEWING FOR FANS OF CHRISTOPHER LEE AND ITALIAN HORROR..."

Its fascinating backstory and the debut of an unknown Donald Sutherland have combined to keep its cult status going for nearly 50 years."

*Good Efficient Butchery*

### THE FIRST-EVER AUTHORIZED RELEASE OF THE ORIGINAL UN CUT VERSION SCANNED IN 4K WITH NEW SPECIAL FEATURES

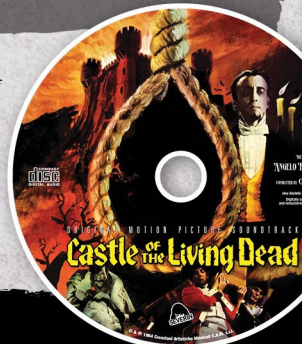
In the final film of his early '60s European period, **Christopher Lee** stars as a 19<sup>th</sup> century Count who invites a theatrical troupe for a weekend of horrors that boasts an enthusiastically creepy performance by Lee, startling locations in Lazio, Italy's Orsini-Odescalchi Castle and 'Park of the Monsters', second-unit direction by **Michael Reeves** (WITCHFINDER GENERAL) and the screen debut of **Donald Sutherland** as both a doofus gendarme and a hunchbacked hag. **Philippe Leroy** (THE NIGHT PORTER) and **Jacques Stany** (VIOLENCE IN A WOMEN'S PRISON) co-star in this 1964 French-Italian co-production from American producer **Paul Maslansky** – who would go on to produce DEATH LINE and the POLICE ACADEMY movies – and fellow expat writer/director **Warren Kiefer** – after whom Sutherland would name his son – now scanned in 4K from the Italian negative for the first time ever.

B&W / 1964 / 90 mins

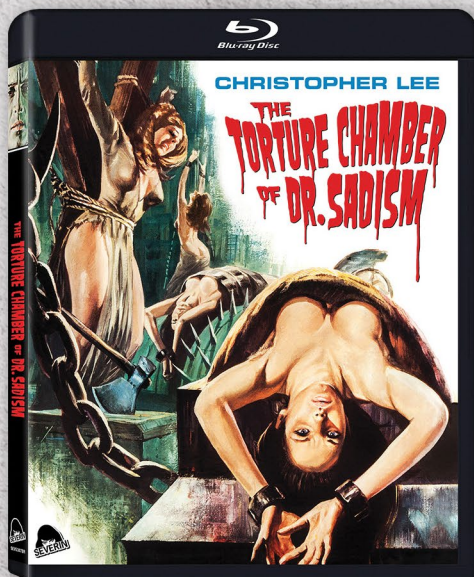
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### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Audio Commentary by *Mondo Digital's* Nathaniel Thompson & Film Writer Troy Howarth
- Audio Commentary by Film Writer Kat Ellinger
- From *The Castle To The Academy* – Career Interview with Master Producer Paul Maslansky
- *The Castle Of The Mystery Man* – Roberto Curti, Author of *Mavericks of Italian Cinema*, on Writer/Director Warren Kiefer



### BONUS CD SOUNDTRACK by Angelo F. Lavagnino



## "A NIGHTMARISH FAIRY TALE BROUGHT TO LIFE..."

One of the most atmospheric olde-world horror movies ever made."

*Cool Ass Cinema*

### THE DEFINITIVE VERSION OF THE EURO-HORROR CLASSIC NOW SCANNED FROM THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE

**Christopher Lee** stars as Count Regula, an insane nobleman found guilty of murdering a dozen virgins and drawn-and-quartered for his crimes. But when a lawyer – former Tarzan **Lex Barker** – is summoned to the Count's castle 35 years later, he will unlock a "wildly entertaining" (*Buried.com*) odyssey of torture, dismemberment and creepy Bavarian locations that is equal parts Mario Bava and Hieronymus Bosch. **Karin Dor** (YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE) and **Dieter Eppler** (SLAUGHTER OF THE VAMPIRES) co-star in this 1967 "underrated gem" (*The Telltale Mind*) – also known as CASTLE OF THE WALKING DEAD, BLOOD OF THE VIRGINS and THE BLOOD DEMON – directed by krimi veteran **Harald Reinl** and loosely based on Poe's *The Pit & The Pendulum*, now scanned in 4K from the original German negative with all-new Special Features.

Color / 1967 / 84 mins

### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Audio Commentary by *Mondo Digital's* Nathaniel Thompson & Film Writer Troy Howarth
- Audio Interview with Actress Karin Dor (German with English subtitles)
- Location Featurette
- *Die Schlangengrube - Die Burg des Grauens* – German Super 8 Digest Short
- *Die Schlangengrube des Grafen Dracula* – German Super 8 Digest Short
- Theatrical & Teaser Trailers (German)
- Behind-the-Scenes Still Gallery
- Poster Gallery
- Restoration Slideshow



Video	1080p FULL HD RESOLUTION
Audio	English / German Mono 2.0

"No one in the history of film has ever captured the irresistible erotic allure of corruption and decadence the way Christopher Lee did."

*Salon*

### THE POLISH ANTHOLOGY SERIES HOSTED BY LEE FEATURING 24 REMASTERED EPISODES ON 2 DISCS

**Christopher Lee** hosted this anthology television series originally produced by **Film Polski** (KNIFE IN THE WATER, THE TIN DRUM) in the tradition of **ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS** and **BORIS KARLOFF'S THRILLER**. Lee delivers the intro and outro for each half-hour at his imposing and often cheeky best, while the tales themselves – adapted from stories by Poe, Dostoevsky, Ambrose Bierce, Robert Louis Stevenson and Oscar Wilde – are written and/or directed by filmmakers that include **Andrzej Zulawski** (POSSESSION) and Academy Award® winner **Andrzej Wajda** (MAN OF IRON). Dubbed into English and featuring 'additional dialogue' by **Jesse Lasky Jr.** (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, 7 WOMEN FROM HELL) with new theme music by **Ron Goodwin** (VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED, FRENZY), it has remained largely unseen since its brief airing on American TV in 1971. These 24 surviving episodes have now been scanned in 2K from the original negatives.

Color / 1971-2 / 610 mins



### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Promo with Christopher Lee



Video	1080p FULL HD RESOLUTION
Audio	English Mono 2.0

