



Fiscal Year 1977 - 1978

ANNUAL REPORT MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CENSORS 1977-1978



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October 1, 1978

Secretary William A. Urie Department of Licensing and Regulation One South Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Urie:

The Maryland State Board of Censors takes pleasure in submitting to you, herewith, the Sixty-Second Annual Report of its operations, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978, pursuant to Section 9, Article 66-A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

This Board has consistently sought to maintain community standards in decency in film entertainment, while following the expressed wishes of the Maryland Legislature and the Courts of the State of Maryland.

The Board has the responsibility to reject the licensing of such films which cater to prurient interests, contain patently offensive representations of ultimate sexual acts, normal or preverted, actual or simulated, which taken as a whole lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

The Board has reviewed 534 films during the recently concluded Fiscal Year. Sixteen of them have been modified before presentation to Maryland audiences and eighty-three have been rejected in their entirety. Sixty-eight of those rejected were classified as Peep Show Films. Processed 5598 duplicate seals.

Since existing law in the State of Maryland considers obscenity as the only ground upon which the Board may refuse to license any film and makes no allowance for bad taste, vulgarity or violence, the Board has requested the Maryland Legislature to grant more latitude in limiting the excessive violence depicted in many of today's films.

The Board has also requested authorization from the Maryland Legislature to grant slight increases in some of the fees charged to film distributors, in order to cover the Board's operating costs, and permit the Board to function on a self-sustaining basis.

George J. Andreadakis

Chairman

Sincerely

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APPROVED FILMS - FISCAL YEAR 1978

"The Absent Minded Waiter" "Alice Sweet Alice" "The Alien Factor" "American Graffiti" (New Version) "American Hot Wax" "The Amsterdam Kill" "Amuck" "Another Man Another Chance" "Anti-Corruption" "Assassin" "Assault The Criminals Part #4" "Autopsy" "The Autumn Love Song" "The Avenger" "Axe" "Bad Bunch" "Bad Georgia Road" "The Bad News Bears Go To Japan" "The Bad News Bears In Breaking Training" "Bald Headed Betty" "The Beach Bunnies" "Beatles - As They Were" "The Best of Shaolin Kung Fu" "The Betsy" "Beyond and Back" "Big Bad Sis" "The Big Sleep" "Big Time" "Big Wednesday" (Trailer) "The Billion Dollar Hobo" "Black Cream" "Blade" "The Blazing Temple" "Blind Race" "The Blood Brothers" "Bloody Fist" "Blue & Black 1" "Blue & Black 2" "Blue Collar" "The Boat Show" "Bobby Deerfield" "Blody Snatcher From Hell" "The Bod Squad" "Born Rich"

"Boxer Rebellion" "The Boys in Company C" "The Brave and The Evil" "The Brave Archer" "The Bravest Revenge" "Bruce Lee Story" "The Buddy Holly Story" "Calandar Girls" (Reconstructed Frint) "Call Girls" "Candleshoe" "Capricorn One" "The Car Hops" "The Cars That Eat People" "Casey's Shadow" "Cat & Mouse" "Catastrophe" "The Cheap Detective" (Trailer) "The Cheap Detective" "Checkered Flag or Crash" "Cheering Section" "The Chicken Chronicles" "China Armed Escort" "Chinatown Kid" "Chivalious Inn" "The Choir Boys" "The Chorus Girls" "The Chosen" "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (Trailer) "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" "Cloud of Romance" "Coma" "Come Drink With Me" "Come Fly With Me" "Coming Home" "Convoys" "Cool Red" "Chorvette Summer" "Cria" "Crossed Swords" "Damien (The Omen Fart 11)" "Damnation Alley" "Dan Candy's Law" "The Deadly Silver Spear" "Death Sport" "Dersu Uzala"

"Devil's Express" "The Devil's Joint" "A Different Story" "The Discharge" "Disco 9000" "Dolofoniste Ton Makario - Color" "Douliko Ameson Draseos" (Maid of Quick Action) "Dracula's Dog" "The Dragon Lives" "The Dream of Read Chamber" "The Driver" "The Duel" "Duel of the Dragons" "Dynasty" "Eagle Claw" "Eaten Alive" "Ththros Tou Laou" (Ememy of the People) "Eight Hundred Heros" "18 Swirling Riders" "Ekeino To Kalokeri - Color" "Elegant John and His Ladies" "Emperor Chan Lung" "The End" "The End of the Black" "End of the World" "En Onomati Tou Nomou" "Epihirisis Apollon" (Operation Appolo) "Equus" "Erotiares Tou Glykou Merou" (Lover of Sweet Water) "Erotike Symfonia" (Lovers Agreement) "The Escape" "Eternal Love" "The Evil" "Fantasm" (Reconstructed Print) "Fantastic Animation Festivals" "The Fast Sword" "Faustine" "The Female Chivalry" "Fight For Shao-Lin Tamo Systique" "The Fighting Black Kings" "Fight for Your Life" "Fingers" "First Love" "The First Nudie Musical" "F.I.S.T."

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"F.M."
"Forever My Love"
"Foul Play" (Trailer)
"Fovate O Gianis To Therio"
"Frankenstein's Castle of Freaks"
"Fraternity Row"
"French Quarter"
"The Fury"

"Gambros Apoto Londino" (Groom From London) "Gauntlet" "The Ghost Lovers" "The Girl Students" "Gizmo" "The Glory of the Sunset" "Goldon Lotus" "The Goodbye Girl" "Go Tell The Spartans" "Grand Theft Auto" "Gray Eagle" "Gray Lady Down" "Grease" (Trailer) "Grease" "Greased Lightning" "The Great Brain" "The Great Hunter" "The Greek Tycoon" "Ground Zero" "Gynekokratia" (Feminine Rule)

"Hanging On A Star" "The Happy Hooker Goes To Washington" "Harper Valley P.T.A." "Have Sword Will Travel" "Heaven Can Wait" (Trailer) "Heaven Can Wait" "He Loved One Too Many" "Here Comes The Tigers" "A Hero Ain't Nothin' But A Sandwich" "Heroes" "Heroline Kan Liam-Chu" Hero of the Wild" "Heros of Bastern Skies" "Herowork" "High Anxiety" "High Ballin"

"Hi-Honey"
"The Hills Have Eyes"
"Hitchhike to Hell"
"The Holes"
"Hong Kong Superman"
"Horror Hospital"
"House Calls"
"Hustler Squad"

"I Eva Den Amartise" "If Ever I See You Again" (Trailer) "If Ever I See You Again" "Illicit Desire" "I Love You, Bruce Lee" "Immensee" "The Incredible Melting Man" "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden" "The Inflexible Judge Pao" "The Inforgetable Character" "The Invincible Kung Fu Trio" "The Invisible Terrorist" "Iphigenia" "Island of Lost Girls" "It Lives Again" "I Wanna Hold Your Hand"

"Jabberwalk"
"Jabber Wocky"
"Jaws Of The Dragon"
"Jaws 11"
"Jennifer"
"Jimmy The C"
"The Judicial Sword"
"Julia"

"Kassiani"
"The Kentucky Fried Movie"
"Kidnaped Coed"
"Kid Vengeance"
"Killer Clans"
"The Killer Meteors"
"Killer Of Wheels"
"The Kingdom And The Beauty"
"Kingdom of the Spiders"
"Ksanagirise Konta Mou"
"Esipolitos Prinkips" (The Barefoot Prince)

"Ladies & Gentlemen, The Rolling Stones" "Lady Lee's Revenge" "La Grande Bourgedice" "Land of the Minataur" "Laser Blast" "The Last Battle of Yang Chow" "The Last Remake of Beau Geste" "The Last Survivor" "The Last Waltz" "The Late Great Planet Earth" "LeBon Et Les Mechants" "The Legend of Spider Forest" "The Lincoln Conspiracy" "A Little Night Music" "The Lollipop Girls in Hard Candy" (Reconstructed Print) "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" "The Looks of Hong Kong" "The Lotus Lamp" "Love Across The Bridge" "Love At First Sight" "Love Eterne" "Love In A Cabin "Love In Hawaii" "Love In My Heart" "Love In The Shadow" "Love In Tokyo" "Love Is Smoke" "Love Swindlers" "Love Without End" "Lung Wei Village" "Lynyrd Skynyrd"

The Mad Butcher" Formerly "Meat Is Meat"
"The Magic Armour"
"The Majesty Cat"
"The Manitou"
"March or Die"
"The Marriage"
"Matilda"
"Mean Dog Blues"
"The Medusa Touch"
"Melody From Heaven"
"Metamorphoses"
"Mr. Klein"
"Mr. Mean"
"Mister Scarface"

"Misty Drizzle"
"Mitra"
"Monty Python Meets Beyond the Fringe"
"The Morning Date"
"The Mouse and His Child"

"Naked Rider"
"New Fist of Fury"
"The New One-Armed Swordsman"
"The Night Child"
"The Night of the Seagulls"
"Nineteen Going To Twenty"
"1900"

"O Anthropos Fou Girise Apo Tin Zesti"
'Oh, God"
"Old Master Q"
"O Mpoufos"
"Once Upon A Girl"
"The One and Only"
"The One-Armed Swordsman"
"Orga"
"Orchid In The Rain"
"The Other Side of Paradise"
"The Other Side of The Mountain - Part 11"
"Our Winning Season"
"Outlaw Blues"
"Outrageous"

"The Pack"

"Padre Padrone" (My Father My Master)

"Painted Waves of Love"

"Pardon Mon Affaire"

PPete's Dragon"

"Petey White Straw The Devil's Son-in-law"

"A Piece of the Action"

"Pippi On The Run"

"Posterity and Perplexity"

"Pretty Baby"

"Pretty Swindler"

"Prime Time"

"The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover"

"Rabbit Test"

"Rabid"

"Race For Your Life Charlie Brown"

"Rain In September"

"The Rangers"

"Ready, Willing and Able"

"The Rebel of Shao-Lin"

"Record City"

"The Redeemer"

"Return From Witch Mountain"

"Revolt Of Kung Fu Lee"

"Rolling Thunder"

"Romance"

"Salute L' Artiste" (Hail Artist) "The Sang Sisters" "Satan's Cheer Leaders" "Saturday Night Fever" "School Days" "School That Couldn't Scream" "Scott Joplin" "Scorching Sun Fierce Winds Wild Fire" "The Sea Gypsies" "Secrets of The Bermuda Triangle" "Semi-Tough" "Sensual Man" "The Serpent's Egg" "The Sex Machine" "Sexy Girls Of Denmark" "The Shaolin Invincibles" "Shao-lin Red Master" "Shao-Lin Tamo Buddhist Monk" "Short Eyes" "Side By Side" "Silver Bears" "Sixteen" "Slap In The Face (La Gifle) "The Smiling Face" "Snake Prince" "Snapping Of Love" "The Soul Of Bruce Lee" "A Special Day" "Speed Trap" "The Splendid Love In Winter" "The Spy Who Loved Me" "Starlets For Sale" "Stingray"

"Story of Temple Red Lily"
"Straight Time"
"Starship Invasions"
"Stunts"
"The Stupid Sailor Ah Fook"
"The Super Weapon"
"Suspiria"
"Swarm"
"Sweet Revenge"
"The Swiss Conspiracy"

"Teenage Graffite" "Teenager" "Teenage Seductress" "Telefon" "The Tempter" "Ten Brothers of Shao-Lin" "10 Fingers of Death" "Tha Girisi O Thohos" "Thank God It's Friday" "That Obscure Object of Desire" "That Romantic Scholar" "Think Dirty" "Thou Shall Not Kill - But Once" "The Three Smiles" "Thunder & Lightning" "The Tiger From Hong Kong" "Tiger's Revenge" "Till The End of Time" "Tintorera" "To Hot To Handle" "The Tool Box Murders" "To Pie Grigoro Bouzouki" "The Tormented" "To Spiti Ton Anemon" (House of the Winds) "Touch Guy" "The Traitorous" "True Love" "True Love" "The Turning Point" "Two Great Cavaliers"

"The Unforgetable Lake Dream"
"The Unmarried Woman"

"Valentina The Virgin Wife"
"Valentino"
"The Van"
"Varsity Playthings"
"Velvet Smooth"
"The Venturer"
"Verdi The King of Melody"
"Viva Knieval"

"The Wackiest Wagon Train In The West"
Wacky Taxi"
"Warlords of Atlantis"
"Way of the Wind"
"We All Loved Each Other So Much"
"Which Way Is Up"
"The Winds of Autumn"
"The World's Greatest Lover"

"Yosemite An Experience To Remember"
"You Light Up My Life"
"Young Blood"
"The Young Dragon"
"You Want Me Tonight"

"Zig Zig"
"Zitite Epigontos Gambros"

APPROVED PEEP SHOWS - FISCAL YEAR 1978

"Act 17" "Act 18" "ACB 160" "Boys Get Together" "Cowboys & Indians" K-66" "K-69" "K-71" "K-80 Rosslyn" "K-81" "К-84" "Minstrels" "Physique" "Play Soldier" "Pool King" "Pool Party" "Sportman Fun Party" "Sportsman" "Wild Verus" 13

SIXTEEN (16) FILMS APPROVED WITH ELIMINATIONS

"Calendar Girls"

"Campus Teasers"

"Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands"

"Emanuelle In Bangkok"

"Frustrated Wives"

"Garden of Beauty"

"Gums"

"Liz" (Reconstructed Print)

"Mannequin"

"Marianne Bouquet"

"Martin"

"Playmates"

"The Sensuous Housewife"

"Take Off"

"Take Time To Smell The Flowers"

"2069 A Sex Odyssey"

REJECTED FILMS AND THE SUBSEQUENT ACTION TAKEN ON THEM

"All Around Service" - Withdrawn on March 23, 1978.

"Barbed Wire Girls" - Withdrawn on March 17, 1978.

"Behind The Green Door" - Withdrawn on August 30, 1977.

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"Blow Dry" - Withdrawn on December 6, 1977.

"Captain Lust" - Withdrawn on September 15, 1977.

"Confessions of a Young American Housewife" - Withdrawn on February 9, 1978.

"Inga and Greta" - Withdrawn on March 8, 1978.

"The Joy of Letting Go" - Withdrawn on March 8, 1978.

"Resurrection of Eve" - Withdrawn on March 3, 1978.

"Spirit of Seventy Sex" - (Reconstructed Print) Withdrawn on October 18, 1977.

"Swedish Minx" - Withdrawn on December 9, 1977.

"Sweet Young Sins" - Withdrawn on March 27, 1978.

"Three On A Waterbed" - Withdrawn on February 23, 1978.

"Wam Bam Thank You Spaceman" - Withdrawn on November 17, 1977.

**"The Opening of Misty Beethoven" - Rejected May 19, 1977.

On July 1, 1977 the Board's decision was upheld
by Judge Sullivan. February 16, 1978, Court of
Special Appeals - Board's decision was upheld.

SIXTY-EIGHT (68) PEEP SHOWS REJECTED AND WITHDRAWN

| "A Cherries Jubilee" | "K-88 Siree" |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| "B-5" | "K-89" |
| "Christina" | "K-89 Jerri" |
| "Fun Couple" | "K-91" |
| "Global Woman" | "K-94" |
| "Jean & Helen" | "K-94 Judy" |
| "K-14" | "K-95" |
| "K-16" | "K-97" |
| "K-17" | "K-97 Deaboah" |
| "K-21" | "K-98" |
| "K-22" | "K-98 Candy" |
| "K-23" | "K-99" |
| "K-30" | "K-100" |
| "K-41" | "3-Some" |
| "K-1:5" | "Kathy's Thing" |
| "K-47" | "Lonely Chambermaid" |
| "K-51" | "Lonely Girl" |
| "K-52" | "Lori & Sid" |
| "K-54" | "Mary" |
| "K-58" | "Melody" |
| "K-59" | "Nancy" |
| "K-61" | "Patricia" |
| "K-65" | "P-121" |
| "K-68" | "P-Up-1" |
| **K-70** | "Pick Up-2" |
| "K-72" | "Salt & Pepper". |
| "K-73" | "Sandy & Tom" |
| "K-74" | "She Made The Maid" |
| "K-75" | "Sonnie" |
| "K-76" | "Take Me Naked" |
| "K-77" | "Toni & Diane" |
| "K-79" | "Two Friendly Ladys" |
| "K-85" | "Young Love" |
| "K-88" | "Young Lover" |

INSPECTIONS:

The Board employs one full time Chief Inspector who supervises the duties and assignments of thirteen (13) part-time inspectors. The inspectors are assigned various theatres throughout the State of Maryland to check periodically. There are approximately 260 theatres within the State of Maryland. Inspections of theatres are made to insure the compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66-A and the Board's Rules and Regulations, to determine if films ruled obscene or films never submitted to the Board are being exhibited in the State. and to insure that the Board's Seal of Approval is displayed or exhibited on the screen. Inspectors are also required to periodically view films in theatres to determine if, deletions ordered by the Board are made in all the prints of each film that is exhibited in the State.

Specific inspections of certain theatres were made in instances where routine inspections showed flagrant violations of the Law in exhibiting films without licenses, exhibiting films containing matter which was ordered deleted or containing matter which was not therein when approved and licensed by the Board.

Routine inspections and undercover inspections were used to gather information for search and seizure warrants for raids conducted during the fiscal year.

During the fiscal year, a total of 3567 films were inspected during 2852 visits made to theatres throughout the State.

INVESTIGATIONS: (Conducted by the Maryland State Board
of Censors)

On August 9, 1977, the Maryland State Board of Censors with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad raided the North Avenue Cinema located at 7 E. North Avenue, Baltimore City and confiscated three (3) uncensored films, "China Lust", "Just Like Mother" and "Run Jack Run". Also seized in the raid were 245 seals and/or perforated bands. Trial is pending.

On August 12, 1977, the Maryland State Board of Censors with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad raided the Gayety Plaza Theatre located on the Block at 404 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore City and confiscated nine (9) reels of films, 35 MM and 16 MM. Trial is pending.

On May 10, 1978, the Maryland State Board of Censors with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad raided the North Ave. Cinema located at 7E North Ave., Baltimore City, and confiscated three (3) uncensored and untitled films, various other films and reels, and hundreds of seals and/or perforated bands. Three employees were on the premises and were arrested and charged with violating Article 66-A, Section 19-b. Trial was held in the District Court of Baltimore City, Judge James L. Bundy presiding on June 2nd, 1978. The three (3) defendents were found guilty and each were fined.

On May 16, 1978, the Maryland State Board of Censors with assistance from Southeastern District Police Officers raided the Apex Theatre located at 110 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md. A search was made of the entire theatre, but no uncensored films were found.

On May 31, 1978, the Maryland State Board of Censors with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad raided the Cinema Follies Club located at 137 W. North Avenue, Baltimore City and confiscated two (2) uncensored films, "Long Johns" and "Just Married". Two (2) employes were on the premises and were arrested and charged with violating Article 66-A, Section 19-b. Trial was held in the District Court of Baltimore City, Judge James L. Bundy presiding on June 22nd, 1978. The Two (2) defendents were found suilty and were fined and put on probation.

On June 2, 1978, The Maryland State Board of Censors with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad raided the Cinema Follies Club located at 137 W. North Ave., Baltimore City and confiscated two (2) uncensored films, "Tricks or Trades" and "10:30 P.M. Monday" plus three (3) projectors. One employee was on the premises and was arrested and charged with violating Article 66-A, Section 19-b. Trial was held in the District Court of Baltimore City, Judge James L. Bundy presiding on June 22, 1978. The defendent was found guilty, was fined and placed on probation.

In subsequent inspections made at 137 W. North Avenue, The Cinema Follies Club was found to have vacated the premises and to have moved out of the State of Maryland.

1978 Fiscal Year, of 534 films submitted to the Board for licensing and approval only 227 films carried the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

Breakdown of those films rated are as follows:

307 films did not carry the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America when submitted for approval.

PEEP SHOWS:

The Board has held several meetings in reference to "Peep Show" Operations at which representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Vice Squads of Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County, and the Baltimore City States Attorney's Office were present.

PEEP SHOW TRIALS:

Francis L. Pollard, Jr., Chief Inspector for the Maryland State Board of Censors was called upon to testify in court in cases where "Peep Shows" were confiscated by the Police Departments, for violations of the Censor Board's statute. Testimony of this type is made available upon request in any case involving possible violations of the Board's statute. Mr. Pollard testified in the following cases:

- December 13, 1977 City of Salisbury vs. Robo, Inc.
 South Salisbury News Rt. 13 East
 Books.
 Verdict: Pending, Motions were
 made to dismiss on grounds of
 unconstitutionality.
- April 4, 1978 -Baltimore Co. vs. Harris Ent. Rye Books - Reisterstown. Verdict: Same as above.
- February 9,10,1978 -A.A. Co. vs. Divisified Inc. Odenton Books
 Verdict: Guilty

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CENSORS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1978

| Receipts, | Licensing | Fees | ••••• | \$12,341.00 |
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| Budget App | propriation | 1 | • • • • • • • • • • • | 77,819.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Salaries | 59.752.74 |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Technical and Special | 200.00 |
| Communication | 1,685.62 |
| Travel | 2,050.96 |
| Contractual Services | 295.51 |
| Supplies and Materials | 1,020.53 |
| Additional Equipment | 159.00 |
| Fixed Charges | |
| Total Disbursements | 74,492.36 |

Unexpended Appropriations as of June 30, 1978 \$3,326.64

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1978

License Fees (Original Films Only)... \$12,341.00