THE CAST OF CALIGARI

David Simanek.....Francis
Jeffry Nordin.....Dr. Caligari
Christine Nordin.....Jane
various others
John Knauss.....Alan
various others
Alex West.....Head Clerk
Murder Suspect
various others
David Geister.....Dr. Olsen
J Roth.....Monty
Cesare
piano
Paul Cameron.....theremin
drums
sound effects

Original script and score by J Roth

PERFECT VILLAINS

The character of Dr. Caligari as brought to life by Werner Krauss (and in our show, Jeff Nordin) is one of cinema's great villains. The Caligari Players were asked who some of their favorite cinematic villains are. Do their choices reveal anything about themselves?

Dave Simanek: Dr. Hannibal Lecter (played by Anthony Hopkins) in Silence of the Lambs, Snidely Whiplash (played by Hans Conried) in the original '60s version of Dudley Do-Right, and Jack Torrance (played by Jack Nicholsan) in The Shining.

Alex West: Harry Lime (played by Orson Welles) in The Third Man, Frank (played by Henry Fonda) in Once Upon a Time in the West, Hans B (played by Peter Lorre) in M, Hank Quinlin (played by Orson Welles) in A Touch of Evil, the alien in Alien, and Darth Vader (voiced by James Earl Jones) in The Empire Strikes Back.

John Knauss: The Wicked Witch of the West (played by Margaret Hamilton) in The Wizard of Oz, Darth Vader, The Joker (played by Jack Nicholsan) in Batman, Biff (played by Thomas F. Wilson) in Back to the Future, The Hawks team in The Mighty Ducks, and Captain Hook (played by Dustin Hoffman) in Hook.

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Dave Geister: Gollum (played by Andy Serkis) in Lord of the Rings, Norman Bates (played by Anthony Perkins) in Psycho, Jack Torrance in The Shining, and The Monster (played by Peter Boyle) in Young Frankenstein.

J Roth: Roy Batty (played by Rutgar Hauer) in Blade Runner, Doyle Lonnegan (played by Robert Shaw) in The Sting , Salieri (played by F. Murray Abraham) in Amadeus, Spoor the Central Services fix-it man (played by Bob Hoskins) in Brazil, and HAL 9000 (played by Douglas Rain) in 2001: A Space Odyssey. The Wicked Witch of the West and Darth Vader also deserve mention.

Paul Cameron: Darth Vader in Star Wars, Clapet (played by Jean-Claude Dreyfus) in Delicatessen, Calibos (played by Neil McCarthy) in Clash of the Titans, Frank Booth (played by Dennis Hopper) in Blue Velvet, Alex (played by Malcolm McDowell) in Clockwork Orange, Tuco (played by Eli Wallach) in The Good the Bad and the Ugly, Keyser Soze in Usual Suspects, and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Chris Nordin: Prince John (played by Claude Rains) and the Sheriff of Nottingham (played by Melville Cooper) in the 1938 version of The Adventures of Robin Hood, Jonathan Brewster (played by Raymond Massey) in Arsenic and Old Lace, Sir Ravenhurst (played by Basil Rathbone) in The Court Jester, and Q (played by John de Lancie) in Star Trek. My favorite actors playing 'heavies' would be: Basil Rathbone, Geoffrey Rush, James Cagney, and James Earl Jones.

Jeff Nordin: The actors James Mason and Christopher Lee in their various villainous manifestations are two of my favorites, and then there's Gollum from Lord of the Rings.

Have you had us for dinner yet?

We even have wine now...

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