## A THE ARTS SOCIETY HAMBURG

## German Film & Art between the Wars

Date: Thursday 11 Feb. 2021, 7.00 pm Lecturer: John Francis Location: This lecture will likely be shown live on Zoom, pending Covid 19 developments and will be advised nearer the time.



Metropolis vintage movie poster

## **LECTURE SUMMARY**

This lecture explores the relationship of art to film in the crucial years in Germany between the wars. Metropolis (1926) will be our starting point to understanding expressionism in German cinema. The blueprint of the murder/suspense/thriller genre film M (1931) was made by the same director and will be closely examined for its invention and influences. The savagely satirical paintings of Dix, Grosz and Beckmann will support our investigation into this highly important twenty years of European culture.

## **BIOGRAPHY OF LECTURER**

John Francis has delivered lecturers and workshops in the USA, Beijing, Malaysia and the UK. Initially trained as a painter, he was awarded the Max Beckmann Memorial Scholarship in painting in Brooklyn, New York and went on to be artist in residence for the state of Texas. Later in his career he produced and directed several short films and animations. He has taught film, art and pedagogy at the University of Exeter, Arts University Bournemouth, University Sains Malaysia, Southwestern College, California, Brunel University, London and Kingston University.

For further information on The Arts Society or the lectures please see our website below or send an E-Mail to: hamburg@theartssociety.org or contact the following:

Pat PledgerTel: 0172 4103551Jeannie RewertsTel; 04101 64572

The Arts Society Hamburg e.V. Number in the Hamburg register of associations: 11755 Registered office and postal address: c/o Pat Pledger, Goerresring 1, 22609 Hamburg Executive Board: Pat Pledger (Chairperson), Morag McLean (Treasurer) Patron: The Honorary British Consul in Hamburg IBAN: DE37 2005 0550 1253 1203 47 www.theartssocietyhamburg.de www.facebook.com/bridfashamburg