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The Swedish Film Foundation, 1933



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The first public space for The Film Historic Collections, 1935 -38.



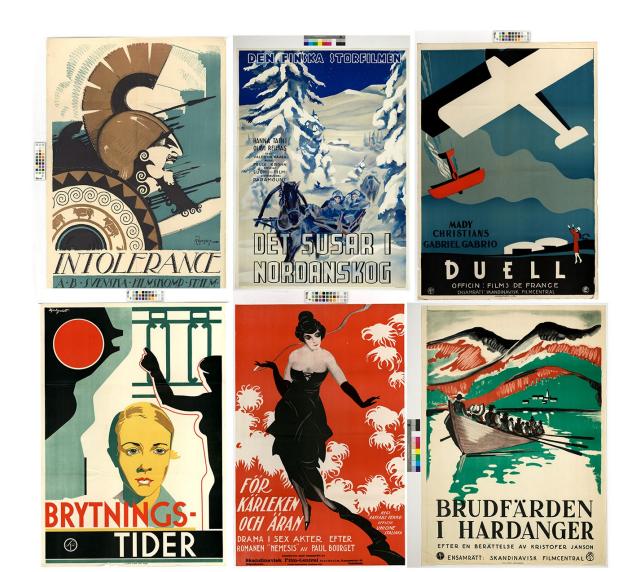
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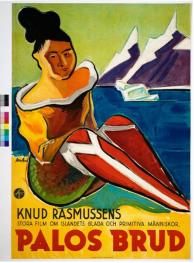
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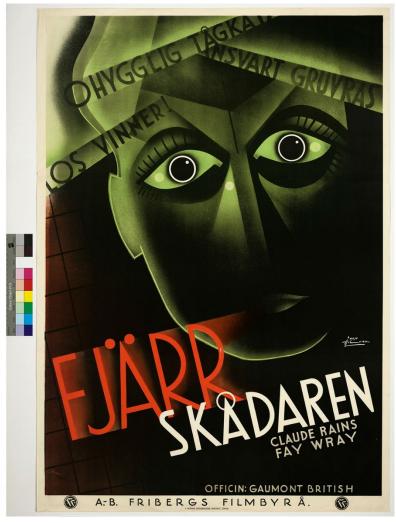




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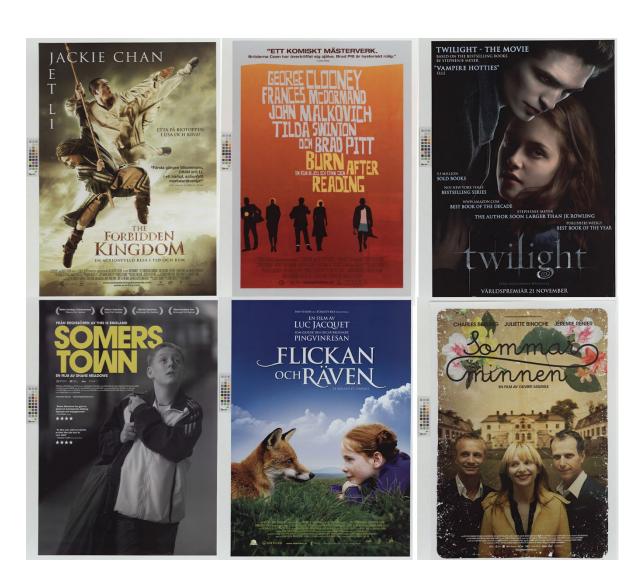








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Digitization of the print collection

- Scan all stills for the Swedish film productions
- Preservation and accessibility
- Priorities and demands



Stills from The Shame (1968)



Overview of the process

- 1. Making the selection
- 2. Scanning
- 3. Long-term preservation
- 4. Metadata enrichments
- 5. Uploading to databases
- 6. Publishing on the Swedish Film database
- 7. Rights and image agreements



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Stills folders for "The Shame" (1968)



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"Vi tre debutera" (1953)



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Lobbycard from "Konsten att älska" (1947)



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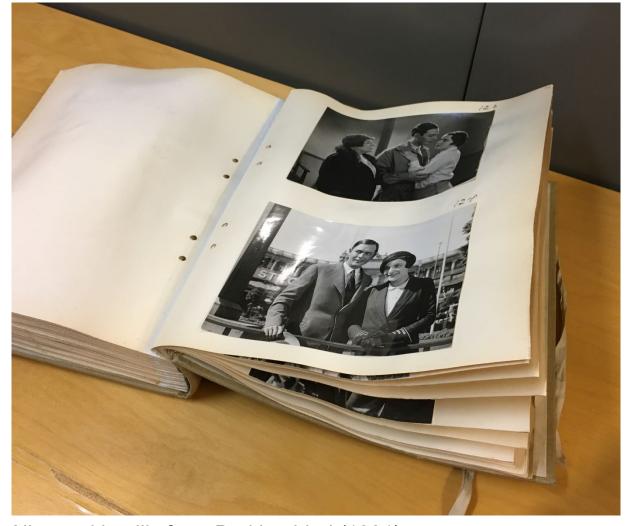
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Album with stills from Brokiga blad (1931)



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Svensk Filmindustri's album collection



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Behind-the–scenes and costume samples from "The Shame" (1968).



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Published books



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Duplicate storage



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Extreme case of poor storage and dry climate



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Archival storage in Rotebro



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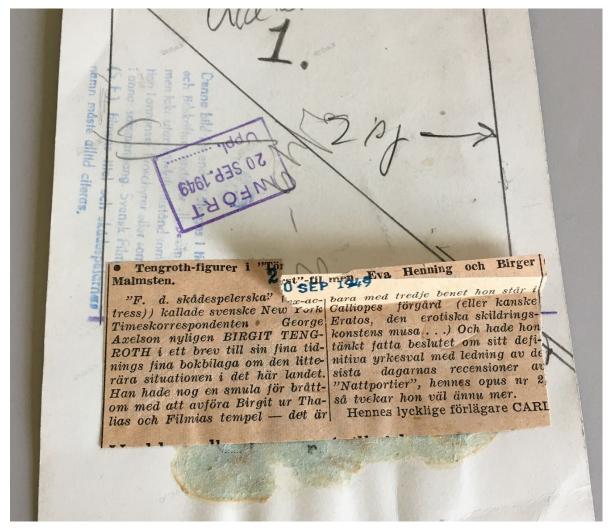


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Metadata enrichments

- Program: Photo Mechanic
- Caption: names of people depicted and "information from the stills back side"
- Headline: film title and production year
- Keywords: Swedish film, feature film, short film, behind-the-scene
- **Source**: print, b/w, color (neg, dia, framegrab)
- Special instructions, copyright, photographer
- FilmID and PersonID from Axiell Collections



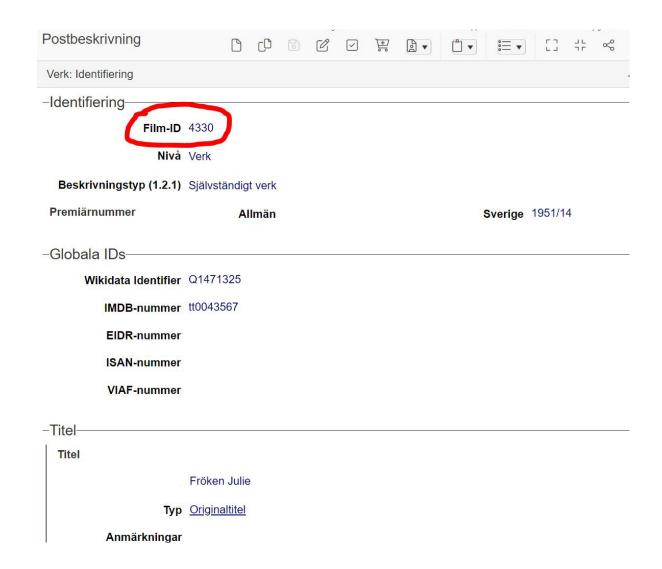
Example of the back of a still image



CMS and **DAM**

Axiell Collections

- Web-based CMS
- For archival holdings and filmographic metadata.
- Film-ID and Person-ID
- Master files and user files

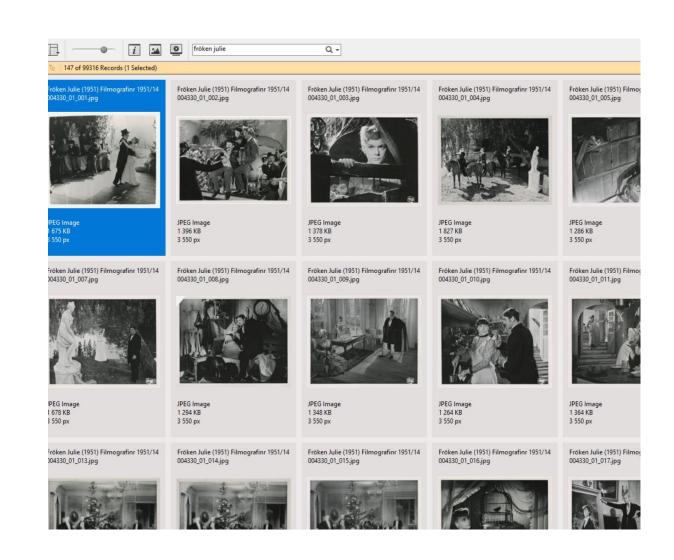




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Canto Cumulus

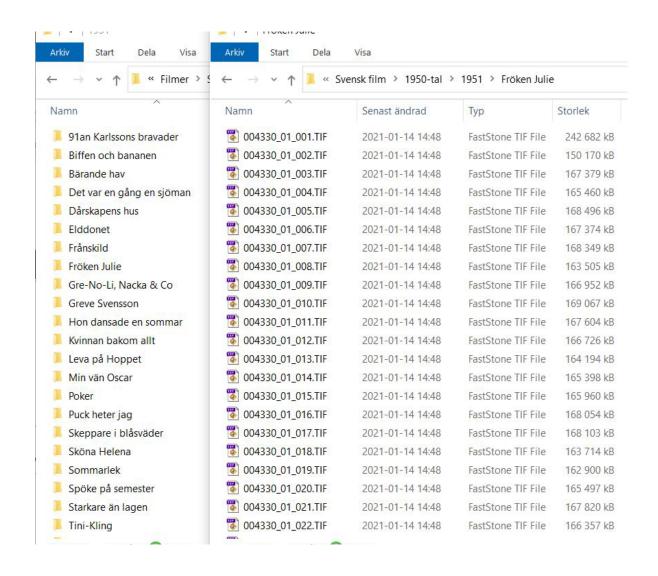
- On-prem DAM
- For digital stills and posters.
- Soon to be replaced





The name of the file

- Film-ID
- Category
- Serial number
- Consistency



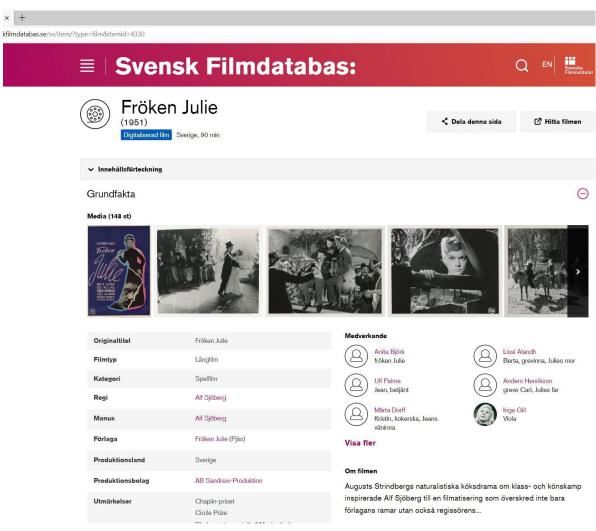


The Swedish Film Database

- Export of images from Cumulus
- 100.000 images published on svenskfilmdatabas.se

Rights:

- Mass publication with Extended Collective Licence (ECL)
- Sales and image licensing (AB Svensk Filmindustri)



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