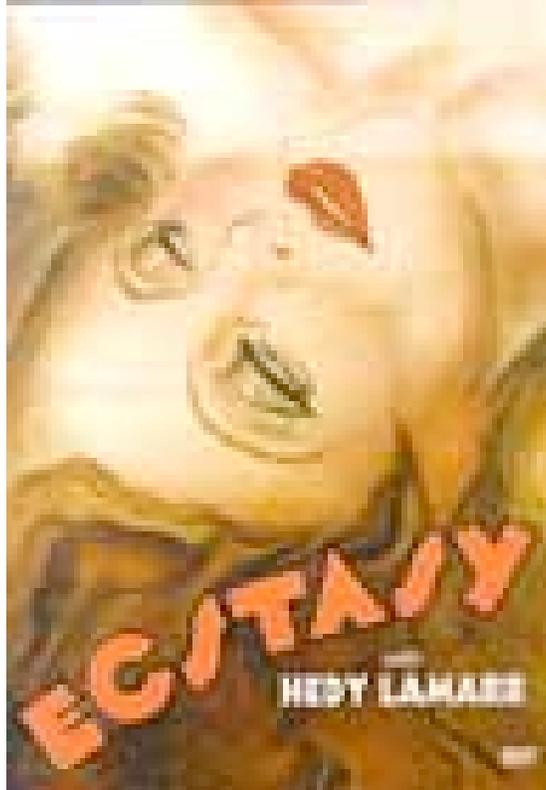


**Czech Film Series 2009-2010**

**Thursday, September 17, Lindley Hall 102 at 7 PM**

# Gustav Machatý: Ecstasy

(1933)



Called “The Most Whispered About Picture In The World”, it tells the stark naked truth of a woman's desire for love. “Daring! Revealing! Shocking!” were other epithets used about it. This is an intense, beautiful (and extremely taboo at the time) study of a young woman's sexuality, without overly squishy emotionality, and without words (mostly). Gustav Machaty's *Ecstasy* explains some simultaneously simple and convoluted facts of life. Hedy Lamarr (then Hedy Kiesler) stars as Eva, a young bride who marries an older man only to discover on her wedding night that he's uninterested in sex. With extreme D.H. Lawrence *ennui* (the novelist must have loved this picture if he ever saw it), Eva cannot stand this dull union.

In German with English subtitles. 89 mins.

**Introduced by Professor Bronislava Volková**