

Lietuvos Centrinis Valstybės Archyvas (Vilnius)

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The Lithuanian Central State Archive is the biggest archive within the state archival system. The main mission of its activity is collecting and safeguarding paper-based and audiovisual documents for future generations as well as providing permanent public access to its collections. The institution's audiovisual complex consists of film, sound and video recordings as well as photo documents.

The division of Image and Sound is the main repository of cinema heritage in Lithuania and holds a total of 8,250 titles: Lithuanian chronicles from 1920-1940, chronicles of the World War II years, diverse Lithuanian newsreels and sketches from the post-war period, Lithuanian feature films, documentaries of independent film studios and individual creators.

The Access-based information system contains all data about film documents on the title level. In 2003, the archive began to digitize films by using self-constructed digitization equipment. The material is transferred to computer, edited, subtitled, sound recorded and copied to DVD/mini DV. Since 2006, only digital copies are available for users. However, films are also being digitized for preservation purposes. By now, about 646 titles have been digitized.

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