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Abstract

This project focuses on the movie *Black Swan*, a new psycho drama by Darren Arinofsky. *Black Swan* presents a story that centered around a young potential ballerina Nina Sayers's mental and emotional turmoil in the competitive world of a professional ballet and her personal life. This study analyses the signs and symptoms of psychological break down such as hallucination, paranoid delusion and disorganized thinking. And the potentiality of psychological breaks down getting worse contingent on different factors like environment or genetic.

Agents of fracturing personality: a Psychoanalytical reading based on schizophrenia is one of the relevant tools and a vantage point from where this movie *Black Swan* could be approached. Here we can draw link between symptoms of schizophrenia with what makes people susceptible to psychotic episode and why people are plunge into psychotic break down. And when people undergo the increasing experience of psychosis the lines between reality and fantasy blur. This is what we experience in this movie through central character Nina. Because of various circumstances which operate as vehicle pushes her into psychotic episode.