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MUSEUM TO SHOW "THE BICYCLE THIEF"

As part of its twentieth anniversary celebration the Museum of Modern Art will present a private showing of the prize-winning Italian film, "The Bicycle Thief," for invited patrons and close friends of the Museum on Sunday evening, December 11.

Robert Sherwood, Pulitzer Prize playwright, will speak to the guests after a special reception.

The film, which will have its official American premiere the following day, Monday, December 12, won the Grand Prix at the 1949 International Film Festival in Belgium; the Locarno, Switzerland, Festival award as the "most human" film, and additional prizes at all the other European competitions that year. It was written and directed by Vittorio de Sica whose previous film "Shoe Shine" was also shown here and won a special Academy Award.

A metal worker, a newspaper woman and a seven-year-old child, none of whom had ever acted before, play the principal roles in "The Bicycle Thief" which has been adapted from a popular Italian novel of the same name.