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THE SKY IS YOURS AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Considered a classic in France, but never before released in the United States, <u>The Sky is Yours (Le Ciel est a Yous)</u> will be premiered August 29 - 31 at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, the current program in the summer series "60 Years of French Film"

Jean Grémillion made <u>The Sky is Yours</u> in 1944, during the Occupation, when all French film production was under control of Dr. Goebbels. Based on a true incident of two ordinary Frenchmen whose passion for flying won them a world record, the film scenario deals with a garage owner and his wife who, through extreme sacrifice and hardship, accomplish the same feat.

Viewed as an allegory, the film is both a call to arms and a celebration of the heroism of average French working people risking all to support armed resistance within their country. It was widely shown; the message, proclaimed and understood, escaped the eye of German censorship.

Grémillion directed <u>The Sky is Yours</u> from a scenario by Albert Valentin and Charles Spaak. The valiant garage owner and his wife are played by Charles Vanel and Madelaine Renaud.

There will be showings daily at 3 and 5:30, with an evening program Thursday at 8, in connection with the Museum's late Thursday closing, 10 p.m.

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