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Modigliani of Montparnasse, with Gerard Philipe, Lilli Palmer and Anouk Aimee, will be shown for the first time in New York at the Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, February 16, at 8:30 p.m. The French film, directed by Jacques Becker, will have its premiere at the Baronet Theatre later this month.

A portrayal of the artist's life during his years in Paris after World War I, Modigliani of Montparnasse received critical acclaim in Europe. The Paris-Journal called it "...a great film," Arts "...its director's most accomplished film...." "Gerard Philipe," said Le Monde, "ranges from apathy to exaltation and from exaltation to frenzy with the ease of the great actor he is." According to Le Figaro, "Its human values, its percussive dialogues and the sustained skill with which it is directed make this film...estimable...."

Tickets for the film, \$1.50, are on sale at the Museum, 11 West 53 Street, or may be ordered by mail. Museum members receive a 25 per cent discount on two. Tickets include admission to galleries, open every Thursday until 10 p.m. Dinner and refreshments are available. Concerts are shown on those Thursdays for which films are not scheduled.

Modigliani of Montparnasse is shown at the Museum by courtesy of Continental Distributing, Inc.

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