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Prints of four animated films of French artist Alexander Alexeieff and his American wife Claire Parker were presented today to The Museum of Modern Art for preservation in its film archive, according to Willard Van Dyke, Director of the Museum's Film Department. Included are the Alexeieffs' celebrated <u>Night</u> <u>on Bald Mountain</u>, which many European critics have ranked a masterpiece of film animation; <u>The Nose</u>, which was shown this winter at the Museum in connection with its ten-day Animation Film program; and <u>Zhivago</u>, which shows the Alexeieffs working at the Pinboard, a unique upright board which holds a million moveable pins upon which they "draw" the images for their films.

Alexeieff is also widely known as an illustrator of fine books, particularly of Russian and French authors (Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, Pasternak, Malraux, Baudelaire, among others); the only American whose works he has illustrated is Poe.

The Alexeieffs have made a number of unusual one-minute color animation "commercials" which have been prominently shown in European movie theaters. A selection of these is also being deposited with The Museum of Modern Art.

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You are cordially invited to meet Alexander Alexeieff and Claire Parker at a press screening of their films at The Museum of Modern Art, 2:30 p.m. Friday, September 23, 1966, fourth floor screening room.

R.S.V.P. Elizabeth Shaw, Director, Department of Public Information, CIrcle 5-8900, extension 201.

Films to be screened are:

THE NOSE (11 minutes) Selection of color commercials (8 minutes) ZHIVAGO (8 minutes) EN PASSANT (3 minutes) NIGHT ON BALD MOUNTAIN (8 minutes)

There will be a small display of books illustrated by Alexeieff.

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