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MUSEUM TO PREVIEW "DEATH IN VENICE"

The Museum of Modern Art will honor Luchino Visconti, the distinguished Italian film-maker, with a gala preview on Tuesday evening, June 15, of "Death in Venice," his new Warner Bros. motion picture, it was announced today by Willard Van Dyke, Director of the Museum's Department of Film.

Visconti, who produced and directed "Death in Venice" from the celebrated novella by Thomas Mann, will arrive from Italy to be present at the Museum showing and address the audience.

The preview of "Death in Venice" will be followed by a champagne reception and supper in the Sculpture Garden. Tickets are \$25 each and are available from the Film Department of the Museum, 11 West 53rd Street.

"Death in Venice" is an official entry in this year's Cannes International Film Festival. No theatrical engagements of the film have been set as yet in the United States.

Dirk Bogarde, Silvano Manganò and a Swedish youth, Bjorn Andresen, head the cast of "Death in Venice," which was filmed on location in Venice. The film, on which Visconti has spent the past year-and-a-half, is his first since the internationally acclaimed "The Damned." Among his other major works have been "Rocco and His Brothers," "La Terra Trema," "Senso" and "Bellissima."

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