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NEW YORK DEBUT OF RESTORED LOST HORIZON AT MoMA SEPTEMBER 4

The restored version of Frank Capra's 1937 feature Lost Horizon will have its New York premiere at The Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, September 4, at 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. The film, shortened to various lengths after its initial roadshow release, will be screened in a 132-minute version--fourteen minutes longer than the most complete of the truncated prints.

A project of the National Center for Film and Video Preservation at the American Film Institute, the film was restored by Robert M. Gitt of the UCLA Film, Television, and Radio Archives. Mr. Gitt used rediscovered footage, alternate takes, and film still enlargements to recreate the original version. Columbia Pictures has made possible the screening in the Museum's Roy and Niuta Titus Theater 1.

Lost Horizon, with a screenplay by Robert Riskin based on James Hilton's novel, stars Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, Margo, Sam Jaffe, Edward Everett Horton, Thomas Mitchell, and H.B. Warner. Mr. Colman plays a world-weary traveler, one of a group of westerners that mysteriously arrives in Shangri-La, a utopian community in Tibet. Mr. Capra's direction is enhanced by Joseph Walker's cinematography, Stephen Goosson's art direction, and Dimitri Tiomkin's musical score.

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