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GALA PREMIERE OF NEW GERMAN FILM AT MUSEUM

A gala premiere of a new German film, The Captain from Koepenick, will be held at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, on Wednesday evening, October 23 for an invited audience. His excellency, Mr. Heinz L. Krekeler, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, will be guest of honor of the evening which will inaugurate a week of twice-daily showings in the Museum Auditorium of new unreleased German films selected by the Museum Film Library from recent production and made available through the German Export-Union. This unprecedented series of screenings of new films will be followed by a 13-week historical cycle devoted to the German film from 1896 - 1957.

William A.M. Burden, President of the Museum, will entertain at a dinner before the premiere which will be followed by a reception for about 500 invited guests in the Museum galleries where the exhibition "German Art of the 20th Century" is on view.

The Captain from Koepenick was directed by Helmut Käutner, one of Germany's leading film directors who is now working in Hollywood. It was adapted by Käutner and Carl Zuckmayer from Zuckmayer's stage classic satire on militarism and authoritarian society.

One of the most successful recent films in Germany, The Captain from Koepenick was characterized in Variety as "unusually tight and imaginative" with a "witty and intelligent plot" and by exceptionally good acting.

Koepenick is in Eastman color. It is a Realproduction, made available to the Museum for the gala premiere through the courtesy of Emil Lustig and the Export Union of the German Film Industry.

For additional information and stills please contact Elizabeth Shaw, Publicity Director, Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, N. Y. CI 5-8900.