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"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" BEGINS NEW SEASON AT MUSEUM AND NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Museum of Modern Art Department of Film and The New York Public Library Film Library, neighbors on 53rd Street for many years, will embark on their first joint effort at film programming on October 3, 1972, when "What's Happening?", a series of films exploring current social and political issues, begins a new season with weekly showings at both institutions.

Each "What's Happening?" program will have two showings: Tuesdays at noon at the Donnell Library Center auditorium, 20 West 53 Street; and Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Museum auditorium, 11 West 53 Street. The initial program will feature "The Game," a 40-minute documentary study of a black prostitute and her pimp. "The Game," being shown in New York for the first time, was filmed on location in New York City by Jon and Abby Child. It will be shown Tuesday, October 3, noon, at the Donnell and again Wednesday, October 4, 2:00 p.m., at the Museum.

In an era of rapid social change, the film medium provides an important communication channel for individuals and groups of all political persuasions. "What's Happening?" provides a forum for the filmmaker who, as documentarist and propagandist, offers insights into events which effect us all. The series aims to provide information on and stimulate reaction to the major social and political issues of our time. Since the programs seek to present a wide variety of opinion, the films selected do not necessarily reflect the views of either the Museum or The New York Public Library.

"What's Happening?" is being programmed this year by William Sloan, Film Librarian of The New York Public Library, and Nadine Covert, Assistant Film Librarian of The New York Public Library, in cooperation with the Museum's Department of Film. Admission to the Donnell showings is free; Museum admission on Wednesdays is pay-what-you-wish. Seating at both locations is on a first come, first served basis.

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