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The Cleveland
Museum of Art

A Classic Soviet
Silent Film

Live Piano
Accompaniment
by Bruce Loeb

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New Babylon

Wednesday, October 25,
1989, 7:30 pm
The Cleveland Museum of
Art, 11150 East Boulevard in
University Circle
216/421-7340

Grigori Kozintsev and Leonid
Trauberg's *New Bablyon*
(1929) was one of the last
great Soviet silent films and
the first movie for which
Dmitri Shostakovich penned a
musical score.

A sardonic tale that begins
in the glittery world of a lux-
urious Paris department store
(the "New Babylon") in 1871,
the film focuses on Louise, a
poor sales clerk who spends
her days catering to the rich.
But when the Prussians invade
Paris, Louise joins the ranks of
the patriotic proletariat to
defend her city, while the
decadent bourgeoisie bargain

with and capitulate to the
enemy. Incandescent and
inflammatory, *New Babylon*
explodes with passion, action,
and outrage.

Acclaimed pianist Bruce
Loeb, accompanist at the
Pacific Film Archive in
Berkeley, California, will
incorporate themes from
Shostakovich's original score
in his live improvisation to
the film. B&W. English inter-
titles. 95 min.

Ticket Information

Advance tickets are \$6 (\$4
for CMA members) and may
be purchased at the Museum
Bookstore or by sending
check and self-addressed,
stamped envelope to The
Cleveland Museum of Art,
Attn: Film Program, 11150
East Boulevard, Cleveland,
OH 44106. All tickets are
general admission. Tickets
ordered too late to be mailed
will be held at the door, as will
those ordered without SASE.

Remaining tickets, if any, will
go on sale at the door at
7:00 pm, October 25. Cost:
\$7 (\$5 for CMA members,
students, and seniors).

Tickets cannot be reserved by
telephone.

