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NOTICE OF PRESS SCREENING

Nicolas Roeg's

BAD TIMING/A SENSUAL OBSESSION

- EVENT: Exclusive West Coast Premiere of Roeg's BAD TIMING (England, 1980)
- TIME: Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., September 26, at JWA Screening Room, 582 Market (at Montgomery), first floor. San Francisco.
- RUNNING TIME: 122 minutes
- OPENINGS: S.F. International Film Festival Showing, Thursday

October 9, 8:00 p.m., at the CASTRO

<u>West Coast Theatrical Premiere</u> engagement starts Friday, October 10, at the LUMIERE Theatre, California at Polk, San Francisco.

STORY: BAD TIMING, stars Art Garfunkel, Theresa Russell and Harvey Keitel in Nicholas Roeg's erotic thriller about a psychoanalyst obsessively involved with a lascivious young woman.

> Roeg's ("Performance", "Walkabout," "The Man Who Fell to Earth") fifth film, BAD TIMING extends his bravura style: visual cross-references, discontinuous narrative, a fascination with people in the throes of forces they don't comprehend and a breakthrough eroticism even sharper and broader than that of "Don't Look Now." Already heralded as the most exciting female performer to emerge from Hollywood in a decade ("a blend of angel and whore"), Theresa Russell, in her first leading role after a series of memorable supporting performances ("Straight Time," "The Last Tycoon"), gives a powerful dramatic portrayal in the most demanding female screen role of the past several years, that of the uninhibited Milena. Art Garfunkel ("Catch 22," "Carnal Knowledge") plays her lover Alex, a contemplative American academician teaching in Vienna who compulsively tries to possess a woman determined to be free.

With an original script by playwright-film critic Yale Udoff, BAD TIMING features Anthony Richmond's cinematography and was recently awarded "Best Film" honors at the Toronto Film Festival.

COMMENT:

"As fascinating as it is striking about obsession with male possessiveness and female independence caught in erotic compulsion. Theresa Russell's portrait of a woman is stunning." --Judith Crist, Saturday Review

"A more intelligent and elegant version of "Last Tango in Paris", but in many respects just as shocking and violent." --Toronto Star