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## **Bresson's crime drama, new and improved**

### **'Pickpocket'**

**A**ustere and implacable, Robert Bresson's most influential movie shows crime as a spiritual vocation and punishment as a form of redemption. *Pickpocket* perfected the Bressonian narrative; this elliptical *Crime and Punishment* story of a thief, from which all extraneous anecdotes have been stripped away, is Bresson for beginners. The print is new, and so are the subtitles. *Through Oct 13, Film Forum, 209 W Houston, 212-727-8110* **HOBERMAN**