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For Immediate Release

**Film:** A beautiful, newly struck 35mm print of Jean-Luc Godard's **BREATHLESS** (1959), starring Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg and Jean-Pierre Melville. Written by Godard, based on an idea by François Truffaut. Shot by Raoul Coutard.

**Press Screenings:** *Wednesday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.,  
Opera Plaza Cinemas Screening Room, 601 Van Ness  
Avenue, San Francisco.*

**Playdate:** **Exclusive Northern California premiere revival  
engagement Friday, April 5th through Thursday  
April 11th, CASTRO THEATRE, Castro near Market  
San Francisco.**

**Running time:** 90 minutes. Unrated by the MPAA. In French with English subtitles. Black and white. New print.

Dear Friend:

We are pleased to announce the premiere revival engagement of Jean-Luc Godard's landmark classic film **Breathless** ("**A Bout de Souffle**") one week only at the CASTRO THEATRE, beginning Friday, April 5th and continuing through Thursday, April 11th. **Breathless** will be screened for the press on *Wednesday, March 27th at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.*

One of the greatest films of all time, **Breathless** stars Jean-Paul Belmondo as a blasé killer and Jean Seberg as his immoral *gamine* girlfriend. The film, set in Paris in the summer, evokes a time when the word *hip* had some meaning and *existentialism* was chic. Ranking with *Birth Of A Nation* and *Citizen Kane* as one of the true major turning points in the history of cinema, **Breathless**, Godard's first feature film, the harbinger of the *French New Wave*, is a jazz-like improvisation on existential crime thrillers. **Breathless** is funny and daring and just as much of a *breath of fresh air* as it was on its release more than thirty years ago,

Co-featured with **Breathless** is **Paris Vu Par...Godard**, Godard's sequence in the 1960 omnibus film *Paris Vu Par...* Starring Joanna Shimkus and shot by Albert Maysles.

Press materials will be available at the screenings. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Cordially,

Jeff Diamond