

LONDON FILM MAKERS CO - OPERATIVE

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Dear Jonas,

As you can see by the above letterhead, we are finally in business. In the past ~~week~~ three weeks we have had an "opening festival" of films, and have screened over seventy (70) new films. Over half of them had never been seen before here in London.

The Cooperative has over fifty active members, mostly young film makers. There are about four films in progress this moment with about ten more to start soon. Of the film shown they were evenly divided between NY Coop films (The Brig, Scorpio etc.) and films made here by London Coop members. Within six or eight weeks we should have our catalogue out, and in it we hope to have about 35 London made films.

I have been elected chairman of the Co-op, Paul Francis and Bob Cobbing are Joint secretaries. Our address is above, and we have a rent free, good size office. Within two weeks we will have an editing room set up for all film makers use here in London.

We are working toward a permanent theatre here in Soho and the chance of it coming thru is extremely good, and it should be soon. I was told that you were sent CININ, our new film magazine. The second issue will be out by February.


But, more on our exhibitions. We have weekly screenings at Better Books, and will have the Chelsea College available for weekly screenings also sometime after the first of January.

We are now concerned about when you plan your trip, the one you thought you'd make in late November? We have over one hundred requests for film programs from all over England...Do you have any news for us on the possibility of our getting Films.

All your emissaries who arrive in London, go to Miles at Indicia Bookstore. That's nice, but he's not in the co-op, has never come to a meeting, has never been at a screening, etc, and he isn't involved in the film world. I don't know why you constantly send people to see him about film activities.

We would appreciate your answer to the availability of the films etc..

Till...


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