



## The Return of the Showcase #SBIFF

### Description

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The long-awaited return of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's (SBIFF) Showcase Film Series is upon us. Here's what leading outlets have to say about the opening film at the newly retrofitted Lynda and Bruce's (named for [recently named SBIFF Board President](#) and founder of festival sponsor Lynda.com, Lynda Weinman and her husband, Bruce Heavin, co-founder of Lynda.com) Riviera Theater, [LE TROU](#):

"THROBS WITH EXCITEMENT AND SUSPENSE!"

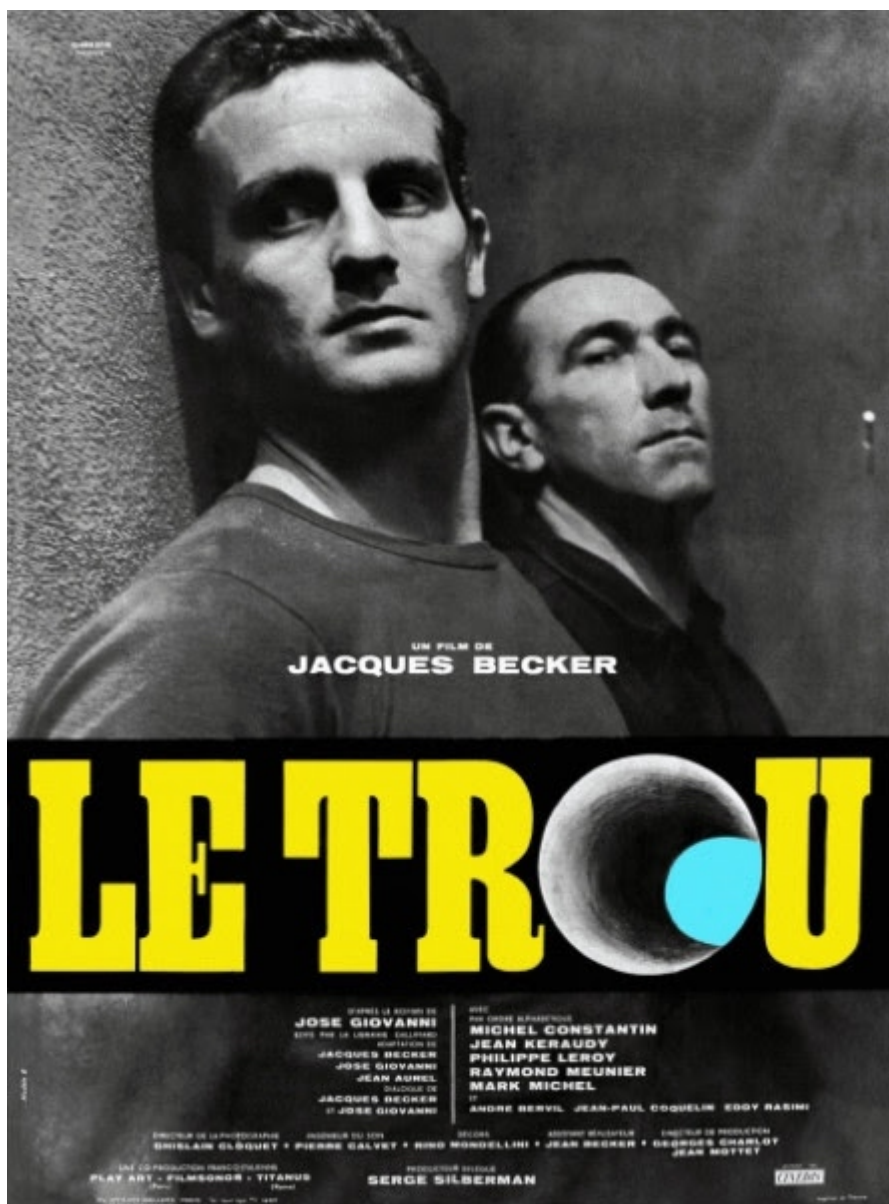
The New York Times

"TAUT, BONE-BARE, AGONIZINGLY SUSPENSEFUL AND FLAWLESSLY ACTED!"

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The Lynda and Bruce's Riviera Theater features new seating and state-of-the-art Dolby sound and projection. A newly designed concession stand will be offering designer-made candies, fresh popcorn and a variety of sundries. And if that isn't already enough, here comes [LE TROU](#), a 1960 classic film, where four men in La Santé Prison, staring down the barrel at hard time, decide to execute a prison break and are forced to bring on a fifth member, Claude Gaspard (Marc Michel), when he is assigned to their cell. The particulars of the escape, based on actual events, are rendered in painstaking detail as the five men dream of freedom.

\*To note, today is the "soft opening" of Lynda and Bruce's Riviera Theater. Nevertheless, what a "soft opening" film!



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**Screening:**  
**Friday, September 8 – 14**

[LE TROU](#)

Directed by Jacques Becker  
Written by Jacques Becker, José Giovanni, Jean Aurel  
Starring Marc Michel, Raymond Meunier, Jean Keraudy, Michel Constantin, Philippe Leroy  
Country of Origin: France/Italy

Language: French with English subtitles  
Running Time: 132 minutes



**See you there!**



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