



VENTURA FILM SOCIETY
presents

A CLOSING NIGHT TRIBUTE TO__
MALCOLM MCDOWELL

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6 @ 7:15pm

RECEPTION 6-7pm

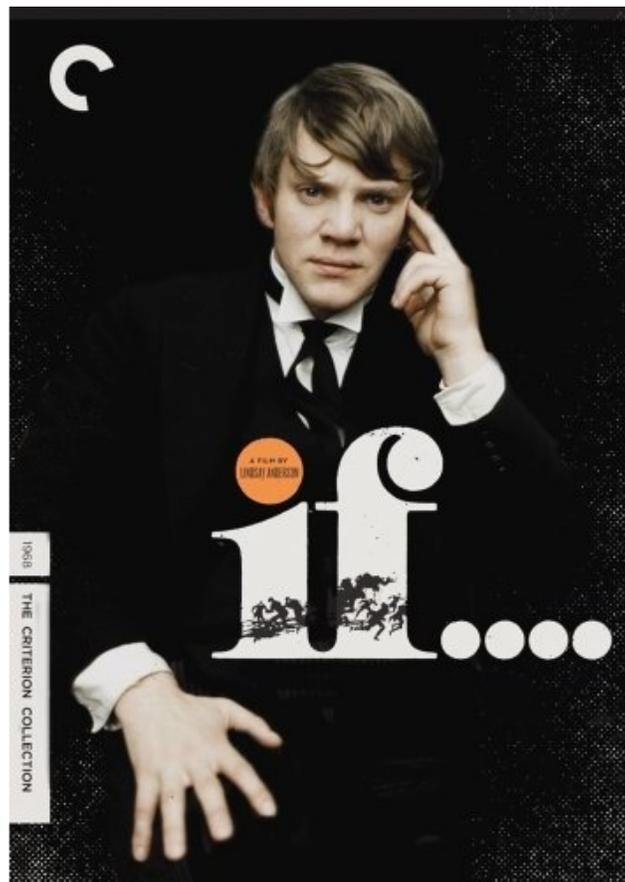
SCREENING of "IF..." @ 7:15

"IF..."

(UK 1968 - 111 mins)

Starring Malcolm McDowell

Directed by Lindsay Anderson



Incendiary, subversive, and darkly humorous, Lindsay Anderson's "IF..." is a landmark of British cinema. Winner of the Palme d'Or at the 1969 Cannes Film Festival, this 1968 drama satirizes English public school life like no other film before or since. Starring Malcolm McDowell in his first major screen role, it is also his first appearance as Anderson's "everyman" character, Mick Travis, whom McDowell would go on to play in two subsequent films for Anderson, "O Lucky Man!" and "Britannia Hospital". Mick is one of three non-conformist students among the returning class. He and his mates are taunted and persecuted by the "Whips", seniors who have authority as prefects over the juniors. The prefects are also entitled to the services of the "Scum", first-year boys assigned to run errands, make tea and generally act as unpaid servants and objects of abuse. Famous for its depiction of an entrenched social order and the savage student insurrection it prompts, "IF..." is associated with the 1960s counterculture movement due to director Anderson's perspective as a seditious, highly intelligent social critic. Anderson uses cinema as a weapon against societal attitudes and accepted norms of behavior. Partially inspired by the classic French film by Jean Vigo, "Zero For Conduct", "IF..." is a surrealistic indictment of the ruling class assumptions that have survived despite Great Britain's decline as a colonial power.

[Mr. McDowell will participate in a post-screening discussion.](#)

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present "IF" as our 2012 Closing Night film on **Tuesday December 6th at 7:15pm, preceded by a 6-7pm Tribute Reception for the film's star, Malcolm McDowell.**

Location - Museum of Ventura County's Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Pavilion, 100 E. Main St. Downtown Ventura.

For advance tickets & screening information please visit www.venturafilmsociety.com or call 805-628-2299.

The VFS thanks all of its supporters for making our 3rd season of bringing quality alternative cinema to Downtown Ventura such a success.

We hope you will join us during **our 4th season, beginning Tuesday February 7, 2012 at our new venue – VFS @ 430 E. Santa Clara** (corner of Oak), running the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month through Dec 4, 2012.

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