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For Immediate Release

Robert Rossellini's "Open City," starring Anna Magnani, will be shown to subscribers of the University of Minnesota, Morris film series at 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, in Edson Hall auditorium. It will conclude this season's fine arts film series.

Planned before the Germans had left Rome and shot under the most exacting conditions without the usual technical luxuries of normal location or studio production, "Open City" highlighted for the world the great power of the realistic film and influenced postwar production everywhere.

It tells the personal story of the people of Italy during the Nazi occupation, with a leader of the resistance as the central character and a Catholic priest as his immediate aid.

Called "one of the ten best in 40 years" by one critic, the film won the grand prize at both the Venice International and the Cannes World Film Festivals, first prize at both the Zurich and Rome Film Festivals, special award of the New York film critics, and special mention by the National Board of Review.