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#### RICHARD PRYOR HERE AND NOW

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Richar Prior, comédien renommé récemment libéré de son dépendance sur la drogue, donne un de ces spectacles à la Nouvelle Orleans. Son style, souvent vulgaire, et ses blagues, basées sur son organe sexuel, ont des adorateurs assez nombreux. Il mime aussi les gestes de se faire une piquûre de la drogue. Et à toutes reprises, il se sert des mots : "fuck, shit, mother-fucker."

(n.b. voir la photocópie de Variety, 13 octobre ci-jointe)

CLASSIFICATION:

14 ANS

JUSTIFICATION:

Langage et gestes et mémathiques obligent le jury de classifier ce film pour ceux qui en ont au moins 14 ANS

## Richard Pryor Here And Now (COLOR)

Usual bawdy laughs with some added bite. Good prospects.

Hollywood, Oct. 13.

A Columbia Pictures release. Produced by Bob Parkinson and Andy Friendly. Exec producer, Jim Brown. Written and directed by Richard Pryor. Camera (color), Vincent Singletary, Kenneth A. Patterson, Joe Epperson, Tom Geren, Johnny Simmon, Dave Landry; editor, Raymond Bush; sound, Doug Nelson; assistant director, Bernard Basley. Reviewed at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, Beverly Hills, Oct. 13, 1983. (MPAA rating: R.) Running time: M MINS. Sole performer: Richard Priyor.

As a concert film, "Richard Pryor Here And Now!' should attract and please those who appreciate him as a standup comic, meaning many, many. But beyond the ample laughs, there is a beautiful monolog that's so painfully acute it would entrance even those who never laugh at his other stuff.

His third concert film (let's not quibble that the first was actually two), "Here and Now" is a mixture of the ones done before and after the fire that almost killed him. Drug-free and still grateful for a second chance, Pryor remains much more mellow, but less self-examining and contemplative than last year's "Live On Sunset Strip.

But some of the hostility and bite have returned, though well under control: In most of his prepared material, in fact, it barely shows through more than any comedian looking at sex, marriage, racism, drinking, poverty, etc. But when he ad libs or exchanges with the audience, a lot of anger can still be seen lurking.

As usual, there's little of the 94 minutes that could be quoted in what used to be called polite company. But by now all the onceshocking language is so commonplace, it's either barely noticeable or merely repetitious. Sometimes, it seems he's even bored with it and only throwing out what the audience expects, remembering to add the words other comedians used to be fearful of letting slip out.

In any case, it's the concepts that count and Pryor always comes through with those, whatever the subject. Having been clean and dry now for several months, he's especially funny dealing with the foibles of those under the influence.

On top of the laughs, he also displays a deepening sympathy for those doomed by substances. Taking a heroin addict from idle amusing prattle awaiting injection, into enormously successful "Lemon phoric aftermath and mudmasterful.

Somewhere down the line is a complete dramatic picture, that could be the truly great film he's been waiting for. —Har.

> Flipper (Pinball) (ITALIAN-COLOR)

ival Italian Showçase. Pic is a first feature by Andrea Barzini, son of writer Luigi. The young helmer's experience with tv documentaries shows through in pic's generally high technical level.

A desire to depict the lazy provincial feeling of the Emilia-Romagna coast has attracted many beginning helmers, going back to Fellini. "I Vitelloni" has been a hard act to follow and neither Luciano Manuzzo's black comedy 'Out of Season" nor Barzini's realistic "Pinball" has managed to stir as much interest in the deadbeat natives and bleak winter beaches of these tourist towns.

Pic is a collection of stories about a bunch of friends in their 30s who are drifting apart. Central figure is a local folk singer, Toni Zappa, played by talented crooner Andrea Mingardi. While Zappa faces the trials and humiliations of setting up gigs in discotheques where the kids would rather hear imitation American punk than native talent, his wife Arnalda (Luciana Negrini) has a weird flirtation with the town looney (another sterling cameo for Alessandro Haber). Her rich friend Aida (Paola Pitagora) searches restlessly for some kind of identity, but is booed off the beach when she tries to give a poetry reading. Everybody gets together in their local bar to read letters from Aida's husband, who is running his father's hotel in Dallas.

In spite of its title, pic is not an energetic film; it seems to catch some of the slow pace of its subject. But it has a few inspired moments and a good jazz and rock track (uncredited). Thesping is quite even throughout (Mingardi is notable in his first film role).

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### Hapnimia (Fun) (ISRAELI-COLOR)

Tel Aviv, Oct. 18.

A Nachshon Films presentation of a Y.N.I.L. production. Produced by Doron Eran. Directed by Yaud Levanon. Features entire cast. Screehplay, Itzhak Ginsberg; camera (color), Gad Danzig; sound, Ya'akov Goldstein; editor, Irith Raz; production deaigner, Emmanuel Amrami; music, Ronny Brown, Yorik Ben David. Reviewed at the Limor Cinema, Tel Aviv, July 29, 1983. Running time: 85 MINS.

Cast: Ben Levin, Semadar Kaltchinsky, Alon Abutbul, Sarith Nahum, Uri Vardi, Einath Tzafrir, Zazi Kreiner, Tuvia Dobleru, Shmuel Vilozoy, Alex Munte.

The English title of this production indicates the intention of its makers, rather than the result. One more side offspring of the Popsicle" syndrome, Yaud Lev dled agonies over a life that is get- non's second feature attempts to ting him close to overdose, Pryor is exploit the obvious penchant of local audiences for youthful romps with sexual, but never very explicit, innuendoes.

> An uninspired script, awkward direction and clumsy performances leave little to be recommended, as the insecure plot follows a bunch of teenagers through one year in a boarding school (indeed, the original Pebrew title is "Boarding

Burroughs: (DOCU-COLOR/B&W-16m)

interesting but overlong portrait of an author and allaround cutup. ...

A Citifilmworks Inc. production. Produced by Howard Brookner, Alan Yentob. Directed by Brookner. Camera (color, 16m), Richard L. Camp, Mike Southon, James Lebovitz, Tom Dicillo, Brookner, Cathy Dorsey, Larry Shiu; editor, Scott Vickrey, Ben Morris; sound, Jim Jarmusch, Peter Miller, G. Osborne, Edward Novik, Kevin Gordon, David E. Houle, Cathy Barnes, Peter Kuhn; special effects (makeup), Kevin Cloutier, Rob Allen; video camera, Kevin Dowd; baw films by Antony Balch. Reviewed at Alice Tully Hall N.Y. Film Festival, Oct. 8, 1983. (No MPAA Rating). Running time: 89 MINS.
With: William S. Burroughs, Allen Gins-

berg, Herbert Huncke, William S. Burroughs Jr., James Grauerholz, Terry Southern, Brion Gysin, Lucien Cart, John Giorno, Mortimer Burroughs, Jackie Curtis, Francis Bacon, Otto Belue, Patti Smith, Lauren Hut-

"Burroughs" is a feature-length examination of William S. Burroughs, the influential novelist who is now doubling as an entertaining reader of excerpts of his work at night club gigs for young audiences who weren't around during his trailblazing days in the 1950s and 1960s. Debuting director Howard Brookner, who expanded this work from a short student film begun five years ago, mixes documentary material with exhibitionist footage of Burroughs the mythmaker, with pruning of some scenes advisable. In its present form, picture deserves non-theatrical, college campus bookings and ultimately public tv usage.

With his verite cameras trailing Burroughs from his current N.Y. "Bunker" flat to his St. Louis, London and Moroccan former stomping grounds, Brookner fleshes out the man's life with recollections by many of his pals and colleagues. Their talking heads' testimony is suspect, however, as when poet Allen Ginsburg turns unconvincing apologist, blaming .Burroughs' wife Joan for "egging him on" to a 1951 fatal William Tell-style shooting incident. Burroughs admits to killing his wife and seems honestly remorseful about it.

Interspersed throughout the film are evocative vintage b&w underground scenes of Burroughs, filmed by British helmer Antony Balch (who has the 1973 film "Horror Hospital" to his credit and tried to launch a film version of "Naked Lunch" in 1971). Also highlighting the docu are excerpts of Burroughs reading passages from his works such as "Naked Lunch" and "Nova Express," in a droll, highly amusing manner. Misguided efforts include a staged grand guignol performance for the camera of Burroughs, as Dr. Benway, aided by nurse Jackie Curtis in cutting up a patient with gory special effects one associates with recent horror films.

Low point of the picture consists of interviews with Burroughs' selfstyled amanuensis James Grauerholz, a pompous young man who admits to having slept with Burroughs and feeling more like a son to the writer than was the late William S. Burroughs Jr. Brookner also includes morbid footage of Junior, called by one interviewee "the last beatnik" and bent on self-

ple of still photos and Brookner even indulges with a lengthy scene s iconoclast demonstrat lery of weapons (rang blowgun to a vicious-lo ready for use agains This silly scene is alm in content to one of De showing off his guns ( ness to use them) in a docu, "The American and in both cases repr ing from the subject i baiting. -Lor.

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