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CANDY MOUNTAIN



ROBERT FRANK

RUDY WURLITZER

AN INTERNATIONAL FILM EXCHANGE RELEASE A Heritage Entertainment Company



Tom Waits, Rudy Wurlitzer, Kevin J. O'Connor, Robert Frank

XANADU FILM Ruth Waldburger

presents

in coproduction with

LES FILMS PLAIN-CHANT Philippe Diaz

LES FILMS VISION 4 INC. Claude Bonin - Suzanne Henaut

KEVIN J. O'CONNOR

in

CANDY MOUNTAIN

a film by Robert Frank and Rudy Wurlitzer

starring

HARRIS YULIN
TOM WAITS
BULLE OGIER

Associate Producer Tom Rothman

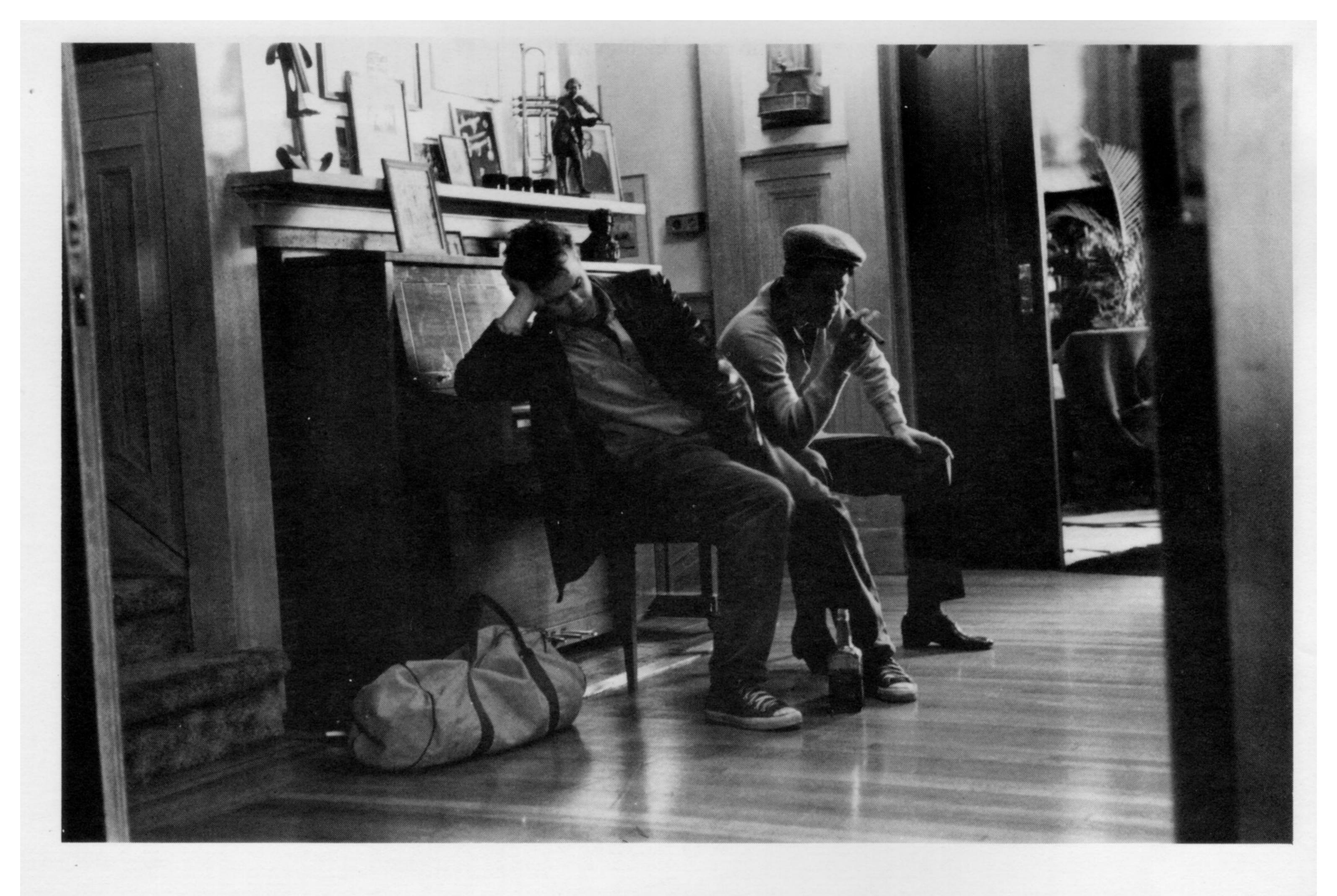
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produced by Ruth Waldburger

written by Rudy Wurlitzer

directed by Robert Frank and Rudy Wurlitzer

35mm EASTMANCOLOR, 91 min., 1:1, 66, 2514m, New York and Nova Scotia



Well kid, don't take it so hard. Life ain't no candy mountain you know.

SYNOPSIS

Candy Mountain is an Odyssey, the search of a young musican, Julius, for the legendary Elmore Silk (Harris Yulin), the world's greatest guitar maker who disappeared from the New York scene years ago.

The realities and the illusions of the open road confront Julius with his own fears, with who he is, as opposed to who he thinks he is, with losing himself in order to find himself.

Julius wants to become a rock star. But all he does is stumble from one dead end into another one. He is trying to make his "American Dream" come true. Not by hard work, but by hustling his way into a contract with some heavy-hitters from the music scene. His assignment: Find Elmore Silk whose guitars have become almost priceless since he fled New York to preserve his integrity as an artist.

As Julius travels further and further north, he encounters Elmore's eccentric brother, Al (Tom Waits) who tells him through song and drunken harangues his opinion of his older brother. The journey twists and turns its way through various humorous and musical confrontations with Elmore's past, including his beleagured daughter (Laurie Metcalf) living in a trailor park with an out-of-work musician (Dr. John) and an ex-lover (Bulle Ogier) living alone with her dying motherall of whom contribute a hilarious and realistic portrayal of an artist's struggle with himself and his own integrity.

Finally discovering Elmore in a desolate village in the last town on the last street of North America, Julius confronts the reality with what he imagined he wanted. He has reached his "Candy Mountain". But in order to acquire it, he must survive a rite of initiation. Life will never be the same.

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The thread of the film or the glue that holds the narrative line together is the music. It divides the story into eccentric fragments; the music ranges from Joe Strummer and Arto Lindsay's rock urban punk to the New York sophistication of David Johansen or the humorous lyrics of Tom Waits and Leon Redbone.

SYNOPSIS

Candy Mountain est une odyssée: Julius, un jeune musicien à la recherche du légendaire Elmore Silk (Harris Yulin), le plus célèbre fabricant de guitares dans le monde, disparu de la scène new-yorkaise depuis de nombreuses années.

Les réalités et toutes les illusions permises mettent Julius en face de ses propres craintes, en face de lui-même, par opposition à ce qu'il pense ou croit être; elles le forcent à se perdre pour mieux se trouver.

Julius veut devenir une rock star. Pourtant, ses tentatives successives aboutissent toutes à des impasses. Il essaie de concrétiser son "rêve américain". Non pas en travaillant dur, mais en réussissant à s'associer à quelques gros durs du show business. Sa mission: retrouver Elmore Silk, dont les guitares sont devenues pour ainsi dire inestimables depuis qu'il a fui New York pour préserver son intégrité d'artiste.

Alors que Julius se dirige de plus en plus vers le nord, il rencontre le frère d'Elmore, Al (Tom Waits), un original, qui par chanson et discours d'ivrogne interposés, lui dit ce qu'il pense de son frère ainé. L'itinéraire fait des tours et détours sous forme de divers épisodes comiques et musicaux du passé d'Elmore, y compris celui de sa harpie de fille (Laurie Metcalf) qui vit dans un parc de caravanes avec un musicien au chômage (Dr. John) et celui de son ex-maîtresse (Bulle Ogier) qui vit seule avec sa mère mourante - tous contribuent à un portrait joyeux et réaliste d'un artiste aux prises avec lui-même et sa propre intégrité.

Enfin lorsqu'il déniche Elmore dans un village désert, situé au fin fond de l'Amérique du Nord, Julius se retrouve face à ce qu'il croyait rechercher. Il atteint sa "Candy Mountain". Toutfois, pour l'acquérir, il doit survivre à un rite d'initiation. La vie ne sera plus jamais pareille.

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La musique joue le rôle de fil conducteur et sert de lien à la narration. Elle divise l'histoire en fragments excentriques et comprend aussi bien le rock urban punk de Joe Strummer et Arto Lindsay que le symbole du raffinement new-yorkais David Johansen, ou encore les chansons humoristiques de Tom Waits et de Leon Redbone.



Kevin J. O'Connor, David Johansen and Buster Pointdexter Band



Liz Parrazzo, Kevin J.O'Connor, Laurie Metcalf, Dr. John

CAST:

JULIUS
ELMORE
AL SILK
CORNELIA
ARCHIE

HUEY HENRY

WINNIE
MARIO
ALICE
LUCILLE
KOKO

GUNTHER

COUPLE

ALSTON

DARLENE

KEITH

LAWYER MUSICIAN

SUZIE

LOU SULTAN
MUSICIAN'S SON

GAS STATION ATTENDANT

VAN DRIVER

MAID LOLA

GAS STATION OWNER
CUSTOMS OFFICER

BUDDY BURKE

DOCTOR FIRST KID

SECOND KID

THIRD KID

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

ANNIE MOLLY MUSICIAN KEVIN J. O'CONNOR

HARRIS YULIN
TOM WAITS
BULLE OGIER

LEON REDBONE

ROBERTS BLOSSOM

DR. JOHN

RITA MACNEIL
JOE STRUMMER
LAURIE METCALF
JAYNE EASTWOOD
KAZUKO OSHIMA

ERIC MITCHELL

MARY JOY/BOB JOY ARTO LINDSAY

MARY MARGARET O'HARA

DAVID JOHANSEN
DAVID MARGULIES

TONY "MACHINE" KRASINSKI

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DEE DE ANTONIO

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RALPH DILLON

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DR. JOHN

DAVID JOHANSEN
LEON REDBONE
RITA MACNEIL

TOM WAITS

JOEY BARRON

MARK BINGHAM
MICHAEL BLAIR
RALPH CARNEY
CRISPIN CIOE

GREG COHEN
JOE DE LIA

RALPH DILLON

BOB FUNK

TONY GARNIER
ARNO HECHT
BRIAN KOONAN
ARTO LINDSAY
PAUL LITTERAL
TONY MACHINE

MAGIC DICK

STEVE MORRELL

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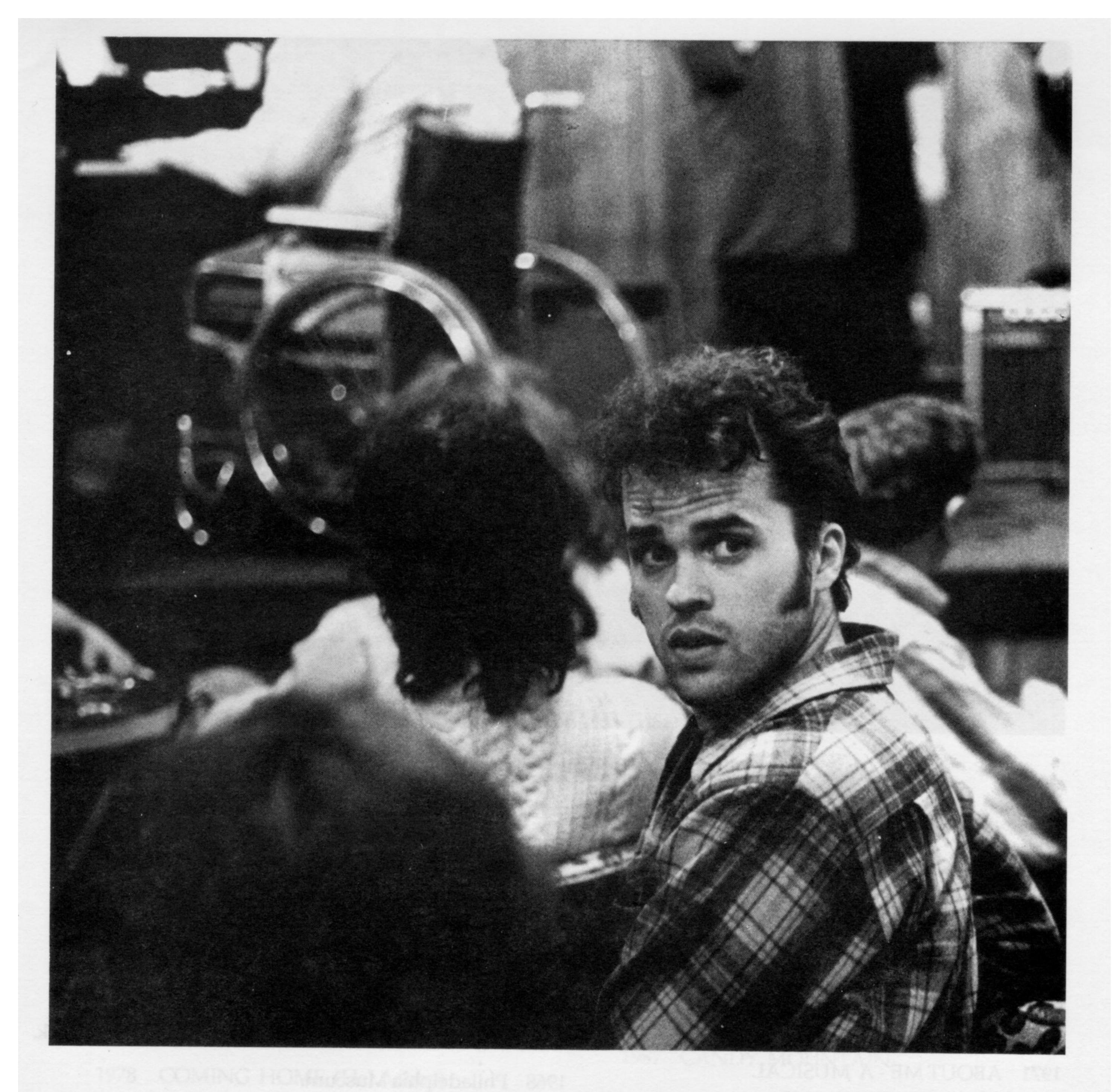
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FILM

1986 PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (F.F. Coppola)



ROBERT FRANK

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1959 PULL MY DAISY

1961 THE SIN OF JESUS

1963 OK END HERE

1964 ME AND MY BROTHER

1969 CONVERSATION IN VERMONT

1969 LIFE-RAFT EARTH

1971 ABOUT ME - A MUSICAL

1972 COCKSUCKER BLUES

1975 KEEP BUSY

1979 LIFE DANCES ON...

1981 ENERGY AND HOW TO GET IT

1983 THIS SONG FOR JACK

1984/85 HOME IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLICATIONS

1956 INDIENS PAS MORTS

1957 NEW YORK IS

1958 LES AMERICAINS

1959 THE AMERICANS

1961 PULL MY DAISY

1963 ZERO MOSTEL READS A BOOK

1971 THE LINES OF MY HAND

1976 ROBERT FRANK

EXHIBITIONS

1951 "Ben Schultz, Robert Frank, W. Eugene Smith," Gallery Tibor de Nagy, New York.

1961 "Robert Frank," Art Institute of Chicago.

1962 "Photographs by Harry Callahan and Robert Frank," Museum of Modern Art, New York.

1968 Philadelphia Museum.

1976 "Robert Frank," Photo-Galerie, Kunsthaus, Zürich.

1977 "Robert Frank," Yajima Galerie, Montreal.

1978 "Robert Frank: Photography and Films, 1945-1977," Photo Gallery, National Film Board of Canada.

1979 "Robert Frank: Photographer/Filmmaker, Works from 1945-1979,"

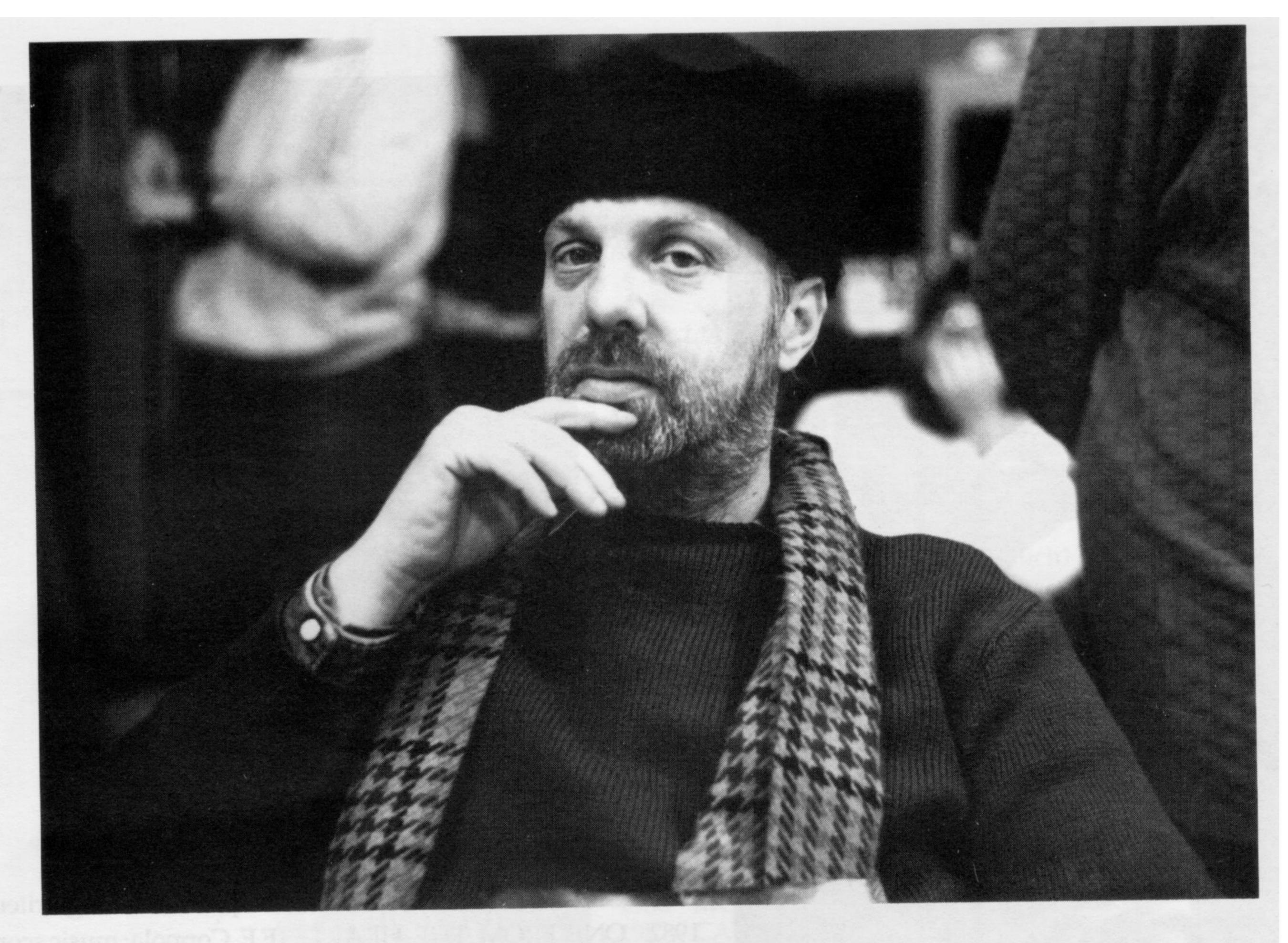
Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach,

California.

1980 Fogg Museum, Boston.

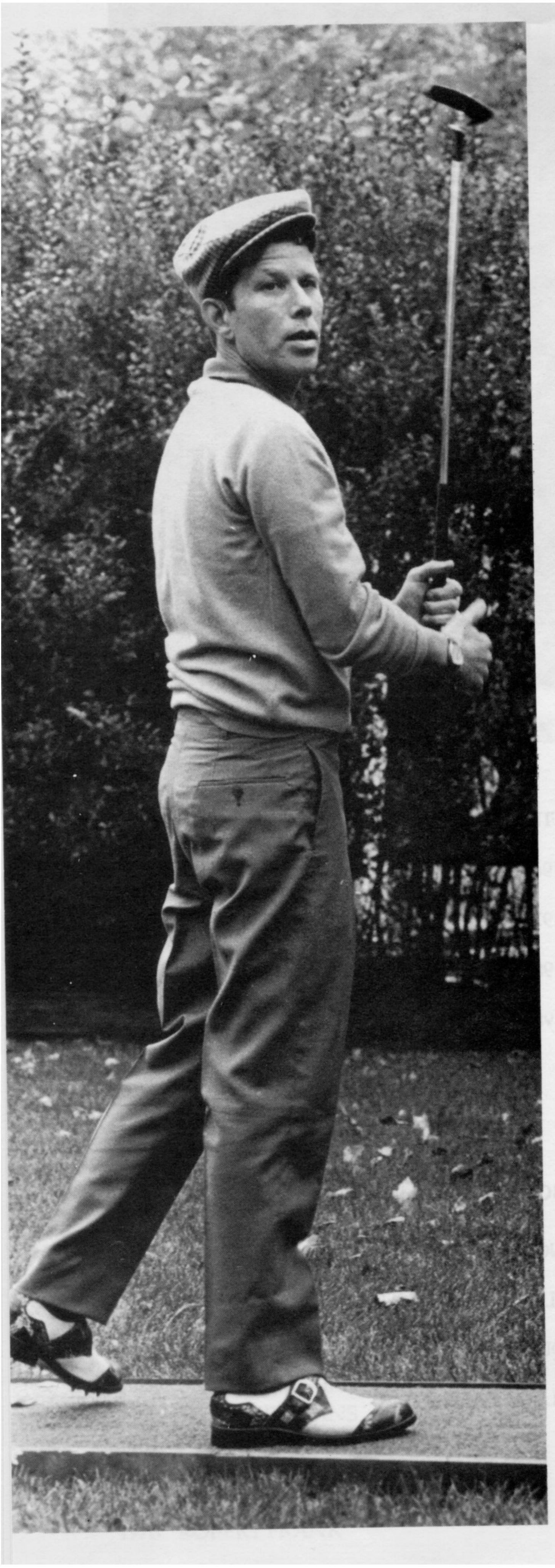
1981 "Photographs and Films,"
Blue Sky Gallery, Portland, Oregon.

1986 "New York to Nova Scotia,"
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston



RUDY WURLITZER

SCREENPLAYS	FILMS	
1971 GLENN AND RANDA (Jim McBride)	1969 BIRTH OF FLAG	
1971 TWO-LANE BLACKTOP (Monte Hellman)	1975 KEEP BUSY	
1973 PAT GARRETT AND BILLY THE KID (Sam Peckinpah) 1978 COMING HOME (Hal Ashby)	1981 ENERGY AND HOW TO GET IT 1987 CANDY MOUNTAIN	
1985 TWO TELEGRAMS (Michelangelo Antonioni) (in production)		
1987 CANDY MOUNTAIN (Robert Frank/Rudy Wurlitzer)	BOOKS NOG	
1987 WALKER (Alex Cox)	FLATS	
PLAYS	QUAKE	
DOUBLE DIBBLE / WAITING HEXAGRAM	SLOW FADE	



TOM WAITS

FILMS

1980	ON THE NICKEL	(Ralph Waite; songwriter)
1982	ONE FROM THE HEART	(F.F. Coppola; music score)
1983	THE OUTSIDERS	(F.F. Coppola; actor)
1983	RUMBLE FISH	(F.F. Coppola; actor)
1984	THE COTTON CLUB	(F.F. Coppola; actor)
1985	DOWN BY LAW	(Jim Jarmush; actor/song)
1987	CANDY MOUNTAIN	(Robert Frank/Rudy Wurlitzer; actor/songwriter)
1987	IRONWEED	(Hector Babenco; actor)

RECORDS

CLOSING TIME
HEART OF A SATURDAY NIGHT
NIGHTHAWKS AT THE DINER
SMALL CHANGE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BLUE VALENTINE
HEART ATTACK AND VINE
SWORDFISHTROMBONES
RAINDOGS
FRANK'S WILD YEARS



BULLE OGIER

Played in about 50 films, among which the following:

A joué dans plus de 50 films. Entre autres dans:

1969 L'AMOUR FOU (Jacques Rivette)

1969 PAULINE S'EN VA (André Téchiné)

1970 OUT ONE (Jacques Rivette)

1971 LA SALAMANDRE (Alain Tanner)

1972 LE CHARME DISCRET DE LA BOURGEOISIE (Luis Bunuel)

1973 CELINE ET JULIE VONT EN BATEAU (Jacques Rivette)

1974 LE MARIAGE (Claude Lelouch)

1974 LA PALOMA (Daniel Schmid)

1975 MAITRESSE (Barbet Schroeder)

1975 DES JOURNEES ENTIERS DANS LES ARBRES (Marguerite Duras)

1979 LA TROISIEME GENERATION (Rainer Werner Fassbinder)

1980 SEULS (Francis Reusser)

1961 AGATHA (Marguerite Duras)

1981 LE PONT DU NORD (Jacques Rivette)

1962 LES PAPIERS D'ASPERN (Eduardo de Gregori)

1983 TRICHEURS (Barbet Schroeder) 1986 MON CAS (Manoel de Oliveira)

1987 CANDY MOUNTAIN (Robert Frank)

HARRIS YULIN

Numerous engagements on stage: On-Broadway, Off-Broadway and New York Shakespeare Festival

Acteur bien connu: On-Broadway, Off-Broadway et New York Shakespeare Festival

FILMS

1970 END OF THE ROAD (Aram Avakian)

1971 DOC (Frank Perry)

1974 MIDNITE MAN (Burt Lancaster)

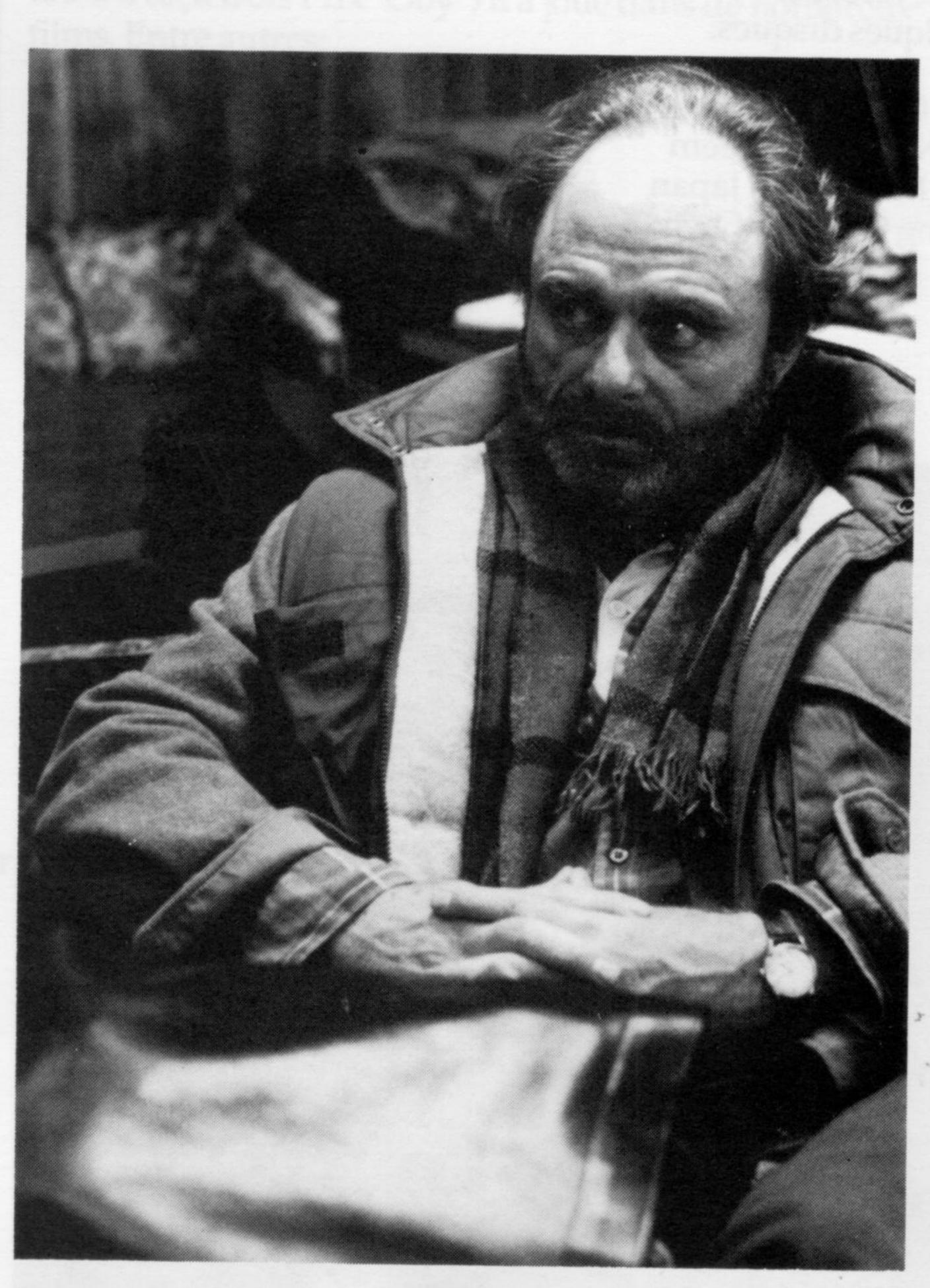
1975 NIGHT MOVES (Arthur Penn)

1979 STEEL (Steve Carver)

1984 SCARFACE (Brian De Palma)

1986 GOOD TO GO

1987 CANDY MOUNTAIN (Robert Frank/ Rudy Wurlitzer)





JOE STRUMMER

Lead singer-guitarist of THE CLASH. Spiritual founder of high-energy urban punk-rock.

Chanteur guitariste du groupe THE CLASH. Le fondateur spirituel du punk-rock

Some records: Quelques disques:

Films: Filmographie:

The Clash
London Calling
Give Them Enough Rope
Combat Rock
White Riot
Sandinista

Rude Boy Scorsese's King of Comedy Straight to Hell, A. Cox

Music for Sid and Nancy, A. Cox

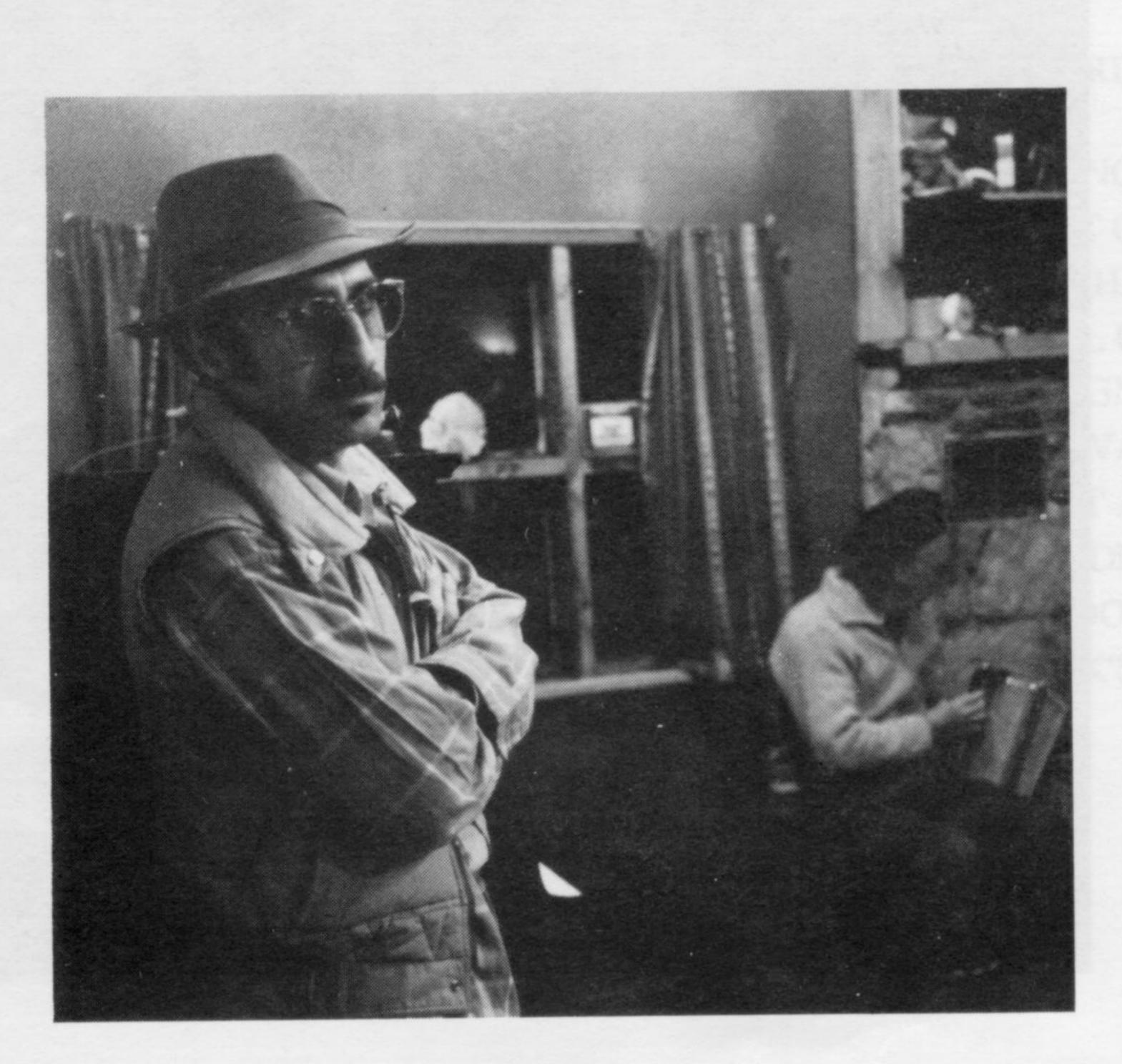
RITA MACNEIL

With her soft, sensuous folksongs, Rita MacNeil has become the insider tip of the "New Country"

Avec ses chansons douces et sensuelles Rita MacNeil est la grande découverte du "New Country"

Some records: Quelques disques:

Part Of The Mystery I'm Not What I Seem Rita MacNeil In Japan Flying On Your Own





LEON REDBONE

The rock-poet with his Chicago Swing of the 'Thirties was propelled to stardom in the 'Seventies by his appearances in zany "Saturday Night Live". He is still doing Double Time.

Le poète du rock avec son Chicago Swing des années trente est devenu une star dans les années soixante-dix lors de ses apparitions dans la célèbre émission télévisée "Saturday Night Live".

Some records: Quelques disques:

Redbone Postlach Message From A Drum Beaded Dreams Double Time Champagne Charlie Witch Queen From New Orleans Already Here Wovoka On The Track Cycles

DR. JOHN

The Voodoo priest from New Orleans with his glittering musical background has been walking on the "gilded splinters" of music for over 30 years now.

Le prêtre Voodoo de la Nouvelle Orléans avec sa brillante tradition musicale nous éblouit depuis plus de trente ans avec sa voix rauque et sensuelle.

Some records: Quelques disques:

Dr. John Walk on Gilded Splinters Anytime, Anyplace Gris Gris Babylon Remedies Sun, Moon and Herbs Gumbo In the Right Place City Lights Loser For You, Baby Tango Palace





ROBERTS BLOSSOM

Renowned actor both On-Broadway (Durrenmatt's "The Physicists") as well as Off-Broadway (where he won 3 Obies), Roberts Blossom played in many films. Amongst them:

Acteur de théâtre très connu, soit On-Broadway ("Les Physiciens" de Durrenmatt), soit Off-Broadway (òu il a reçu trois Prix "Oby") il a joué dans de nombreux films. Entre autres:

1974 The Great Gatsby

1977 Close Encounters

1979 Alcatraz

1979 Resurrection

1986 Ghost Train.

DAVID JOHANSEN

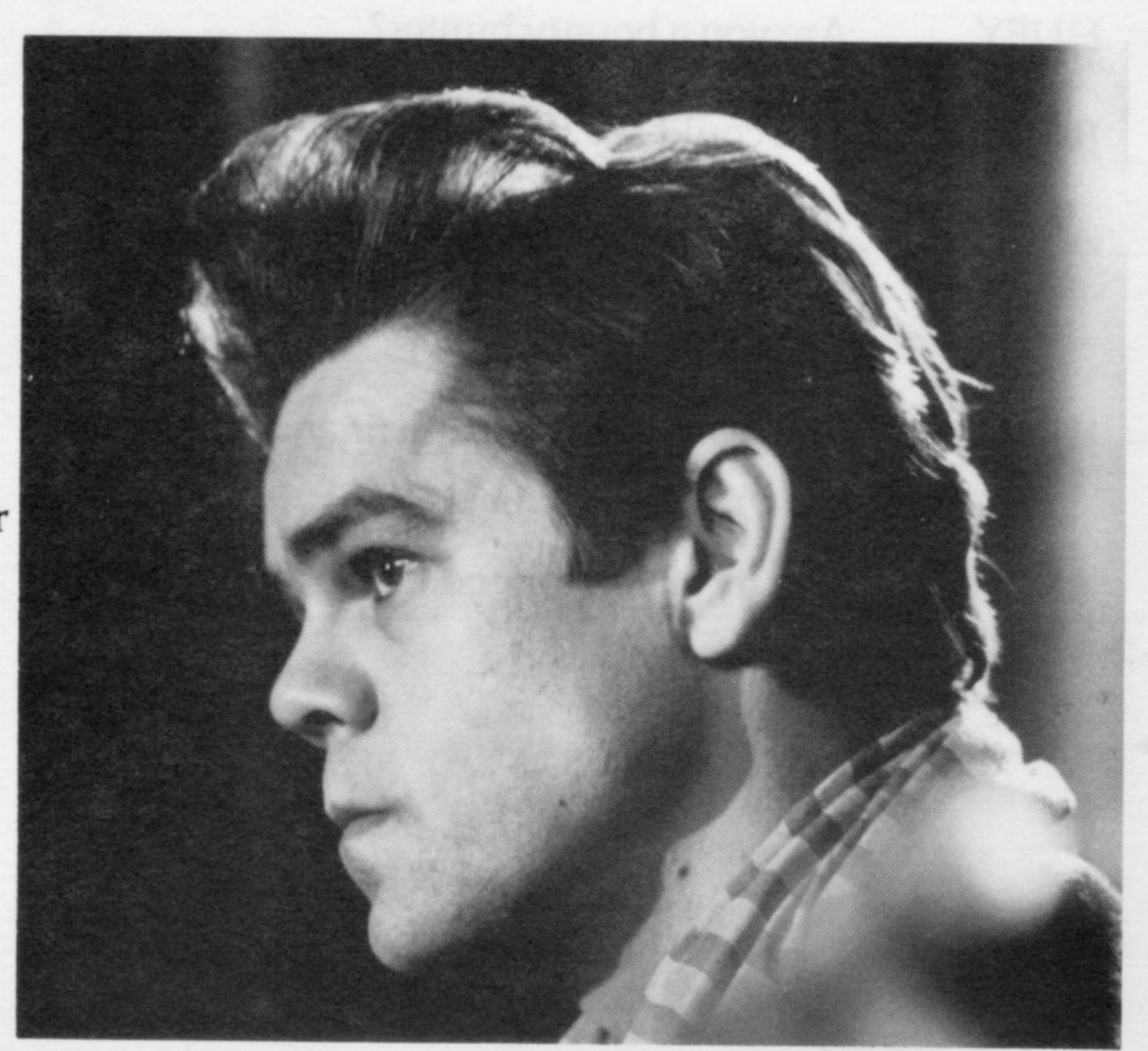
As front man of the New York Dolls, he became the "Godfather of Punk". Today his Buster Pointdexter Band is "Big Apple's most entertaining Cabaret Show" (Rolling Stone).

Musicien principal des New York Dolls, il devient le parrain du mouvement punk. Aujourd'hui son groupe Buster Pointdexter Band est "le spectacle de cabaret le plus réussi de Manhattan" (Rolling Stone).

Some records: Quelques disques:

Too Much Too Soon In Style Here Comes The Night Sweet Revenge

David Johansen Funky But Chic - The Rope Live It Up Buster Poindexter





ARCHIE What brings you this way, son?

JULIUS I'm looking for a man.

HUEY Are you a bounty hunter?

JULIUS You could say that.

ARCHIE What crime is so important that you had

to come up here and violate the laws of

another country?

JULIUS The man ran away from financial responsi-

bility.

ARCHIE You mean he stopped the flow of money?

ARCHIE Que faites-vous par ici?

JULIUS Je cherche un homme.

HUEY Chasseur de prime?

JULIUS Pour ainsi dire.

ARCHIE Quel grave crime vous amène ici

voiler nos lois?

JULIUS Refus de responsabilité financière.

ARCHIE Arrêt de circulation monétaire?



Elmore San, where do you go from here? KOKO

I don't know. Some place I haven't been **ELMORE**

before. Out west, maybe.

I see, you wish to be a free man on the open road: The Western tradition, **KOKO**

is it not?

Some say it is. ELMORE

What do you say? **KOKO**

I say freedom doesn't have much to do **ELMORE**

with road, one way or the other.

Et où allez-vous Elmore San? **KOKO**

Je ne sais pas. Vers l'inconnu. ELMORE

L'Ouest peut-être.

Un homme libre et la route devant lui. KOKO

La tradition de l'Ouest?

C'est ce que l'on dit. ELMORE

KOKO Et vous?

La liberté n'a pas grand rapport avec la route, d'un sens ou de l'autre. ELMORE

INTERVIEW - ROBERT FRANK

What is more important in your film, the journey itself, or the intention?

Julius' journey is the summary of a very long journey, condensed to an experience of three days. In these three days, Julius learns a lot about life, he goes through a development that would usually take five years or more. To me, this is the essence of the film. No matter how romantic this sounds, these two or three days on the road make another man out of him. It has to do with losing one's innocence and naivety and with becoming independent. During this trip, Julius realizes he will have to make his own way through life.

Does Julius' trip have anything to do with your own trip from Zurich to New York forty years ago?

The whole film has a lot to do with me as a young man coming to New York and with me as an old man leaving New York for Canada. CANDY MOUNTAIN has a lot to do with Rudy and me, this personal involvement affects our work. When I discuss the role with Kevin, I try to remember the way I must have felt back then in New York, or I try to imagine what I would have done at the time. I often wonder if it was really worth going through all that just to be able to do what I wanted to. I hope the film shows that: how rough and merciless New York is.

CANDY is an American film. It's about America and the way Americans deal with each other. The music is very American as well. But the American undertone changes at the very end of the film. Rita MacNeil transmits this American influence in a new and different way. The song she sings all the way out on the coast of Nova Scotia shows in a discreet way just how far this influence goes.

In spite of that, the way you see America is very similar to the way I see Switzerland. Couldn't CANDY MOUNTAIN be a Swiss film as well?

No, not Swiss, not even American for that matter. Just simply human. But Julius remains a very American character.

One says you imagine pictures in black and white. Why did you shoot CANDY in color?

I shot CANDY as if it were in black and white. Of course I notice how beautifully the colors change in the sky but I was never really in love with colors. I could very easily have filmed the bright colors of New York and then filmed Cape Breton in black and white. The result would have been a different film. And besides, there was commercial pressure to shoot in color.

I would have liked to have filmed in 16mm, but even then I don't think I would have operated the camera myself. Working with actors is work enough. My being behind the camera would have affected both photography and directing. The use of 16mm film equipment would have produced a different film. It would never have had the quality of photography it has now. It would have had other qualities though... more improvisation. I was lucky in having a first class team, above all Pio Corradi, a cameraman that tries to respect even my most extravagant ideas, even though he thinks and sees things differently than I. The beauty of the image is less important to me.

A rather surprising attitude for a photographer.

I'm interested in the mixture of reality and the artificial. I'm interested in the rhythm of the film. I'm interested in finding out how to construct a scene so as to be able to edit it. The pressure arises on a set when one only has a certain amount of time at hand. This has some advantages. It forces you to think quickly and clearly. There is no sense in thinking about yesterday's scenes, if you should have done things differently - it's too late for that. Rudy usually says, "There's no time for that, baṣta".

INTERVIEW - ROBERT FRANK

Dans votre film, qu'est-ce qui est le plus important, le voyage ou le but?

Le voyage de Julius est le condensé d'un très long voyage, vécu et raconté en trois jours. Au cours de ces trois jours, Julius apprend tant de choses sur la vie. Normallement cela prendrait cinq ans. C'est pour moi l'essence du film. Aussi romantique que cela paraisse, ces deux ou trois jours "on the road" font de lui un autre homme. Il perd sa naïvité, son innocence, il impose ses propres idées. Il doit trouver son chemin, sa voie personnelle.

Le voyage de Julius est-ce votre propre départ de Zurich à New York il y a 40 ans?

Tout le film en quel que sorte. c'est le jeune homme, que j'étais en arrivant en Amérique et le vieil homme qui se rend au Canada et abandonne New York. CANDY MOUNTAIN c'est Rudy, c'est moi, c'est l'engagement personnel qui influence notre travail. Lorsque, par exemple, je parle avec Kevin de son rôle, je me rappelle comment j'ai réagi à New York dans telle ou telle situation. Je me demande souvent si ça valait vraiment la peine, il y a 40 ans, de tant supporter pour arriver à faire ce que l'on veut. C'est aussi - du moins je l'espère - ce que montre le film: New York, son côté dur et inhumain.

CANDY est un film américain. Il s'agit de l'Amérique et des Américains et de leurs rapports. Et la musique est très américaine, mais à la fin, elle se transforme. C'est l'influence américaine qui se répand jusqu'au fond de la Nouvelle-Ecosse, comme montre la chanson discrète que chante Rita MacNeil.

Malgré tout: cela correspond à mon image de la Suisse. Sur ce point, CANDY MOUNTAIN est aussi un film suisse.

Non, ni suisse ni américain, simplement humain. Mais Julius est une figure très américaine.

On raconte que, dans votre estprit, les images étaient en noir et blanc. Pourquoi avoir tourné CANDY en couleurs?

J'ai tourné CANDY comme un film en noir et blanc. Bien sùr, je remarque les superbes couleurs du ciel, mais je n'ai vraiment jamais été amoureux des couleurs. J'aurais pu filmer New York et ses couleurs criardes et ensuite tourner en noir et blanc au Cap Breton. Ce serait devenu un autre film. Et en plus, nous étions obligés de tourner en couleurs pour des raisons commerciales.

J'aurais volontiers tourné en 16mm. Mais pas comme cameraman. J'avais suffisamment à faire avec les comédiens. Si j'avais été derrière la caméra, la photographie et la réalisation en auraient souffert. En 16mm, ce serait devenu un autre film. Cela n'aurait jamais eu cette qualité d'image, cela aurait eu quelque d'autre... plus improvisé. J'ai eu la chance d'avoir une équipe de grande classe. Surtout Pio Corradi, un caméraman qui sait comprendre mes idées, qui pense et voit différemment. Pour moi, la beauté des images n'est pas primordiale.

Opinion étonnante pour un photographe?

Je suis intéressé par le mélange du réel et de l'artificiel. Je suis intéressé par les rythmes d'un film. Je suis intéressé par la façon dont on fait le montage d'une scène. La pression dû au manque de temps, la nervosité qui augmente pendant le tournage ont, pour moi, de nombreux avantages. Cela m'oblige à penser de façon claire et rapide. Cela n'a pas de sens de ressasser la scène tournée hier, si on avait... etc. C'est trop tard. Rudy disait simplement: "Pas le temps, discussion terminée."

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INTERVIEW - RUDY WURLITZER

Kevin is still a relatively young actor, why did you choose him?

Kevin was a strike of luck. We interviewed over 100 actors for Julius' role and had to choose among several different types. Kevin was exactly what we had in mind. He is not only a good actor, very open and honest, he is also marvelous and generous to work with.

Every evening one can hear you pounding away on your typewriter. You're changing dialogues or re-writing them completely. Was the original script only temporary?

Robert and I wanted the dialogues in the film and the actors behavior to appear as spontaneous as possible. The more the actors are intimate with their roles, the more courage they will have. That's why I'm on the set; I listen to the difficulties the actors have with certain lines, with certain moves, then I correct certain scenes overnight. Another important aspect is that one doesn't know the locations of scenes while writing them. In the end, things have to be changed to fit the individual setting.

Is this form of cooperation a part of your work with directors in general or is it a speciality of your work with Robert Frank?

I try to respect the peculiarities and ideas of every director, but work is usually not as intense as it is with Robert. And also, of course, we are collaborators and co-directors so that makes everything more intense and complicated too.

Does the story of "Candy Mountain" have anything to do with your own life?

It has to do with both Robert and I. Take the frame of the story: we both live in New York and we both have houses in Cape Breton. In a way Elmore's route is the same as ours was. The story is personal as well, not in a literal sense but in the way you position yourself in the culture. Music and musicians, their dilemmas and life styles, mean a lot to both Robert and myself.

Are you related to the Jukebox-Wurlitzers?

Yes, and to the musicians and the builders of instruments as well. There may be some kind of personal challenge behind all this interest in the music scene. It's not obvious in the film, but I played music once myself, I know this world very well. And also my father at one time made violins.

The road as a symbol: Do you consider yourself a lone wolf?

I think I'm rather like a bedouin. I've never lived in the same place for long, I'm restless, a bit like Julius. He might go to New York, on the other hand, he might get caught-up at the next corner. But he's never the same when he returns. That's what Julius has learned from this trip to Canada, he can't stay the same after such an experience.

And then, of course, on another level, there is the sense that he is the same, that nothing really changes, that in the end one is always, ready or not, back on the street-alone-with oneself. The end of the film refuses to tie things up neatly. Julius is just back in the river of life and who knows what will happen?

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relativement inconnu, Kevin acteur encore pourquoi l'avez vous choisi?

Kevin est un coup de chance. Nous avons visioné des centaines d'acteurs de style différent pour le rôle de Julius. Kevin correspond exactement à ce qui nous nous étions imaginés. Il est un excellent acteur, très ouvert, sincère, c'est merveilleux de travailler avec lui.

On vous entend taper sur votre machine à écrire tous les soirs. Vous changez les dialogues ou vous les transformez complètement?

Robert et moi nous voulions que les dialogues et le jeu des acteurs soient aussi spontanés que possible. Plus un acteur connait intimement son rôle, plus il est courageux. Mon rôle sur le tournage, c'est d'écouter les difficultés des acteurs sur telle ou telle phrase, tel ou tel déplacement. Puis la nuit, de corriger telle ou telle scène. Finalement, au tournage, on doit changer les scènes et s'adaptter à une situation particulière.

Est-ce que cette forme de collaboration est possible avec tous les réalisateurs ou est-ce plus spécialement avec Frank?

J'essaie de respecter la particularité et les idées de chaque réalisateur, mais en général ce n'est pas aussi intense qu'avec Robert. Nous somme collaborateurs et co-réalisateurs, ce qui rend les choses plus intenses mais plus compliquées aussi.

Est-ce que l'histoire de "Candy Mountain" est également la vôtre?

D'une certain manière, c'est la nôtre, à Robert et à moi. Prenez le cadre de l'histoire: nous vivons tous les deux à New York et nous avons tous les deux une maison au Cap Breton - Le voyage d'Elmore, c'ètait le nôtre. L'histoire est personnelle, pas au sens textuel mais dans la façon de se situer dans une culture. Le monde de la musique et des musiciens, leurs problèmes, leur style de vie, tout cela est important pour Robert et pour moi.

Faites-vous partie de la famille Wurlitzer des Jukeboxs?

Oui. Les musiciens et les fabricants d'instruments. Peut-être ya-t'il aussi un défi personnel dans cette confrontation avec la musique. Dissimulé certainement, mais je jouais de la musique autrefois. Je connais très bien ce milieu.

La route en tant que symbole. Vous vous voyez en loup solitaire?

Plutôt comme un nomade. Je ne reste jamais longtemps au même endroit, je bouge toujours. Un peu comme Julius: il est possible qu'il retourne à New York, mais il est aussi possible qu'il reste coincé au prochain carrefour. Et s'il revient, il ne sera plus le même homme. Ce qu'apprend Julius au cours de son voyage au Canada, c'est qu'après cette aventure, il ne sera plus jamais le même. Mais évidemment, sur un autre plan, il y a aussi l'idée qu'il reste le même, que rien ne change vraiment, et que l'on finit toujours par se retrouver qu'on le veuille ou non, sur la route. Seul avec soi-même. La fin du film ne veut pas terminer les choses trop gentiment. Julius se retrouve dans le courant de la vie et qui sait ce qui va lui arriver.