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LA CHINOISE

A film by Jean-Luc Godard

1967 / France / 96 min. / In French with English subtitles

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Synopsis:

Paris, 1967. Disillusioned by their suburban lifestyles, a group of middle-class students, led by Guillaume (Jean-Pierre Léaud) and Veronique (Anne Wiazemsky), form a small Maoist cell and plan to change the world by any means necessary. After studying the growth of communism in China, the students decide they must use terrorism and violence to ignite their own revolution. Director Jean-Luc Godard, whose advocacy of Maoism bordered on intoxication, infuriated many traditionalist critics with this swiftly paced satire.

Press Quotes

“One of Jean-Luc Godard’s most underrated and misunderstood films.”

- Jonathan Rosenbaum, *Chicago Reader*

“A Molotov mixture of comedy and commentary.”

- *Time Out: New York*

“A spectacular accomplishment...unique in movie history. Visually, *La Chinoise* is as punchy as a poster, or maybe a hundred. The set pieces are astonishing.”

- J. Hoberman, *Village Voice*

“Still startling. *La Chinoise* has proven remarkably prescient. [Godard’s] recontextualization of pop graphics is undeniably thrilling.”

- Charles Taylor, *New York Times*

“Relevant and timeless.”

- Armond White, *New York Press*

“Maybe Andy Warhol didn't make the quintessential Pop Art masterwork. Maybe Jean-Luc Godard did. The filmmaker's sly, casually gorgeous 1967 film encapsulates a place and time -- Paris, just before the spring of 1968 -- with droll acumen, as Godard nails the philosophizing Left and its discontents.”

- Michael Philips, *Chicago Tribune*

CREDITS

Directed by Jean-Luc Godard

Written by Jean-Luc Godard

Director of Photography
Raoul Coutard

Editors
Delphine Desfons
Agnès Guillemot

Costume Design
Gitt Magrini

Cast:
Anne Wiazemsky.....Veronique
Jean-Pierre Leaud.....Guillaume
Juliet Berto.....Yvonne
Michel Semeniako.....Henri
Lex De Bruijn.....Kirilov
Omar Diop.....Omar