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Jean-Pierre Melville's *Army of Shadows* (*L'armée des ombres*)
at Film Noir au Canal this Sunday, August 13
in collaboration with *24 images*



Montreal, Monday, August 7, 2023 - For the 5th event of the season, **Film Noir au Canal** is pleased to team up with the magazine *24 images* to present one of the most powerful films about World War II: ***Army of Shadows*** (1969) by **Jean-Pierre Melville**. Adapted from the eponymous novel by Joseph Kessel, this cinematic masterpiece is renowned for its magnificent chiaroscuro compositions, its Eric Demarsan score, as well as the masterful performances by Lino Ventura, Simone Signoret, Paul Meurisse, and Jean-Pierre Cassel.

This **Sunday, August 13**, cinephiles are invited from 7 p.m. to **Square Saint-Patrick** as the evening will begin with a music performance by trumpeter **Alex Desjardins**, followed by a presentation of the film by **Bruno Dequen**, film critic and editor-in-chief of the magazine *24 images*. The free outdoor screening of ***Army of Shadows*** will start at 8:30 p.m., in the original French version with English subtitles.

Set in 1942, this Franco-Italian film paints an understated, unglamorous portrait of the French Resistance during World World II. Betrayed by an informant, Philippe Gerbier (**Lino Ventura**) finds himself trapped in a torturous Nazi prison camp. Though Gerbier escapes to rejoin the Resistance in occupied Marseilles, France, and exacts his revenge on the informant, he must continue a quiet, seemingly endless battle against the Nazis in an atmosphere of tension, paranoia and distrust.

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