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DATE Tuesday 24 June 2003
TIME 6.30pm – 8pm
VENUE ACMI Cinemas
Australian Centre for the Moving Image at Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne

TICKETS $12 and $8 concession
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BOOKINGS ACMI Box Office 03 8663 2583
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