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***Sound Opinions at the Movies* screening:
Diner
at the Music Box Theatre, Wednesday, Jan. 22**

***Sound Opinions'* Greg Kot & Jim DeRogatis joined by WBEZ *Chewing the Fat* podcasters Monica Eng & Louisa Chu**

December 5, 2013-- The popular *Sound Opinions at the Movies* series continues with a screening of ***Diner***, Barry Levinson's lively, poignant tale of friends trying to recapture their lost innocence in 1959 Baltimore, at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Avenue, Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. Chicago Public Media's *Sound Opinions* broadcast is co-hosted by acclaimed pop music critics Greg Kot of the *Chicago Tribune* and Jim DeRogatis of WBEZ and reaches more than 400,000 taste makers each week through national radio broadcasts and a popular podcast.

Sound Opinions will partner with WBEZ podcast *Chewing the Fat* for this special celebration of music, food and film as DeRogatis and Kot discuss the role of music in the film, while *Chewing the Fat* podcasters Monica Eng and Louisa Chu reveal their top five list of Chicagoland diners.

In the 1982 film *Diner*, filmmaker Barry Levinson (*Rain Man*) draws on his hometown for this humorous and heartwarming tale set in 1950s Baltimore, in which a group of college-age buddies struggle with their imminent passage into adulthood. *Diner* serves up bonding (up-all-night pals share bragging rights and fries topped with gravy), laughs (a would-be bride must first pass a test of her football knowledge) and a sparkling ensemble of soon-to-be huge stars including Kevin Bacon, Ellen Barkin, Mickey Rourke and more.

"In chronicling the difficult transition to adulthood, *Diner* gets the details right, including the insight that there's a little bit of Shrevie in anyone who has ever loved music. 'Every one of my records means something! The label, the producer, the year it was made.' Preach, Shrevie, preach," says Kot.

"Barry Levinson's *Diner* may be a story about a group of friends in Baltimore during the last week of 1969," says DeRogatis, "but as much as their shared experiences, it's the rock 'n' roll soundtrack of the time that binds these people together, just as it does for us today."

Tickets for the *Sound Opinions at the Movies* screening of ***Diner*** at the Music Box are \$10 in advance (\$9 for WBEZ members) by purchase online at www.soundopinions.org. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12.

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