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The late 60's sounds of Simon & Garfunkel immortalized in
Sound Opinions at the Movies' next screening:
Mike Nichols' *The Graduate*
at the Music Box Theatre, Wednesday, February 13

CHICAGO (December 10, 2012) – The popular *Sound Opinions at the Movies* series will screen *The Graduate*, the 1967 Mike Nichols' film classic with a pop soundtrack chock full of Simon & Garfunkel selections (and the oft-quoted line: "I've got one word for you. Plastics"), at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Avenue, Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. Chicago Public Media's *Sound Opinions*, the world's only rock 'n' roll talk show, is co-hosted by acclaimed pop music critics Greg Kot of the Chicago Tribune and Jim DeRogatis of WBEZ.org and airs on more than 100 radio stations around the country.

In Nichols' comedy classic (for which he received the 1968 Academy Award™ for "Best Director"), recent college graduate Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) is trapped into an affair with Mrs. Robinson (Anne Bancroft), who happens to be the wife of his father's business partner, and then finds himself falling in love with her daughter, Elaine (Katherine Ross). *The Graduate* was written by Buck Henry, and features a Grammy Award™ winning film score composed by Dave Grusin & Paul Simon. Simon & his folk-rock partner, Art Garfunkel, contribute tunes including "Sounds of Silence," "Mrs. Robinson," and "Scarborough Fair."

"The Graduate' is a coming-of-age movie that turns Simon and Garfunkel's score into something more than just background music. It's integral to the plot and the development of the characters," says Kot. "Simon nails Dustin Hoffman's growing awareness of the road ahead in 'Mrs. Robinson': "When you've got to choose/Every way you look at it, you lose."

The film "perfectly captures the mood of the youth in its era," says Jim DeRogatis. "'The Graduate' has often been praised for its acting, its screenplay and its direction. But just as important was Simon & Garfunkel's music – and there was nothing 'plastic' about that!"

Tickets for the *Sound Opinions at the Movies* screening of *The Graduate* at the Music Box are \$9 in advance for WBEZ members and \$10 in advance for the general public online at www.soundopinions.org. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10 (cash only).

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