

Bay of Angels

La baie des anges

France/1963/35mm/B&W/90'/French

Direction, Screenplay: Jacques Demy

Producer: Paul-Edmond Decharme

Cinematography: Jean Rabier

Editing: Anne-Marie Cotret

Music: Michel Legrand

Cast: Jeanne Moreau, Claude Mann, Paul Guers, Henri Nassiet, Andre Certes, Nicole Chollet , Georges Alban, Conchita Parodi

Awards/Festivals

New York Film Critics Circle Award, 1964

Story of Jean Fournier, a modest young bank clerk living in Paris whose life changes dramatically as he's lured in to gambling. He once accompanies a friend to a casino and wins a fortune that hooks him to gambling forever. He takes a vacation to a top gambling centre and meets an alluring blonde named Jackie. She is a compulsive gambler who has abandoned her comfortable middleclass background, her husband and her children, and lives a life that is dictated by the whims of the roulette wheel. They gamble together and Jean is intoxicated by love for this strange woman. Though Jackie also enjoys Jean's company, she constantly warns him that her passion for gambling will always be greater.