

CULTURAL SERVICES

OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE UNITED STATES

2008 Highlights



FRENCH FICTION FESTIVAL

September 2008

This book and writers festival, based at the NY Public Library, will showcase the best in contemporary French literature. Ten authors—both writers well-known on the international scene as well as up-and-coming authors—will come to NYC to participate in public debates, readings and performances. This year's festival will be centered around the theme of liberty, considered in all its aspects. With the support of CulturesFrance.



CULTURES URBAINES FESTIVAL

October-November 2008

This festival, starting in NYC and touring the U.S., will bring together the creative ensemble of works that has emerged from the urban centers of France in the past 15 years, and whose artists have achieved international acclaim. Professionals and artists emerging from both the French and American urban centers will come together to collaborate and exchange aesthetic and political viewpoints on crucial issues common to the arts scene here and abroad. With the support of CulturesFrance.



RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA

March 2008, Lincoln Center

From February 29 to March 9, Lincoln Center comes alive with the 13th Annual Rendez-Vous with French Cinema Festival. The film society of Lincoln Center offers a diverse selection of cutting-edge, contemporary French cinema, as well as post-screening dialogues with the directors and actors. Join us for the 13th edition of Rendez-Vous with French Cinema, and discover—or be reminded of—the myriad pleasures French cinema has to offer.



FRENCH GOES PUBLIC!

French in NYC Public Schools

The NYC Department of Education has recently opened three dual-language programs, with the support of the French Embassy, FIAF, and EFNy. These partners, the Internationals Network for Public Schools and the Alfred and Jane Ross Foundation have also joined forces to support the expansion of the French Heritage Language Program, which serves immigrant students. By 2009, more than 650 students will be enrolled in these programs.

Please note that these events are subject to change. For up-to-date information, visit www.frenchculture.org. The following includes events on which the French Embassy collaborates, as well as general French cultural events.

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
Ongoing	JAN-APR: French Kissin' in the USA , Miami JAN-AUG: Moving Through Time and Space by C. Ackerman in Boston, Houston, Miami and St. Louis	SAT 2	Films of Olivier Assayas , with the director @ Anthology Film Archives, NYC	SAT 1 — SUN 9	Continuation of Rendez-Vous with French Cinema @ Lincoln Center, NYC	THU 3	Les Arts Florissants , works by Charpentier and Lully at Zankel Hall, NYC	Ongoing	La Fille du Régiment by Gaetano Donizetti @ Metropolitan Opera, NYC (Apr 21 - May 16)	Ongoing	Celebration of 40 years of the Cannes Directors' Fortnight (Quinzaine des Réalisateurs) @ BAM and FIAF, NYC
Ongoing	" French Founding Father: Lafayette's Return to Washington's America " at the New York Historical Society, NYC (Ends Aug 10)	THU 7 — SAT 9	French version of O,O — full version @ Danspace Project and solo versions @ Dance Theater Workshop, NYC	WED 5 — SUN 13	Lucia di Lamermoor by Gaetano Donizetti with Natalie Dessay (MAR 5, 8, 13) @ Met Opera, NYC	Ongoing	Narrative and documentary films of Jean Eustache @ FIAF, NYC and throughout the US	THU 1	Orchestre National de France with conductor Kurt Masur @ Avery Fisher Hall, NYC	Ongoing	The French Month at the Joyce Theater in NYC with works by Maguy Marin , Heddy Maalem , and Ballet Biarritz
THU 17	Stranger Trilogy by The Bakery, with Richard Siegal and cellist Eric-Maria Couturier with Danspace Project, NYC	FEB 11	Focus on Young Musicians: Jean-Frédéric Neuburger (piano) and the Modigliani String Quartet @ Weill Recital Hall, NYC	Ongoing	50-year celebration of Les Editions de Minuit , which published Claude Simon, Samuel Beckett, and Marguerite Duras, NYC	Ongoing	Best-selling author Philippe Grimbert presents the translation of Un Secret (Memory) , U.S. Tour	Ongoing	Celebrating 20 years of the Best of PanAfrican Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou @ FIAF, NYC	SAT 21	FETE DE LA MUSIQUE Celebrate music throughout the world on summer's longest day!
THU 17	Making Music, Pierre Boulez , with Hilary Summers and Ara Guzelimian @ Zankel Hall, NYC	WED 13	Première of Julius Caesar , directed by Arthur Nauzyciel @ American Repertory Theatre, Boston	SAT 15 — TUE 18	Films of Georges Franju @ Anthology Film Archives, NYC	WED 11	Films of Georges Franju @ Harvard Film Archives, Cambridge	Ongoing	40th anniversary of May 1968 @ Film Forum and Lincoln Center, NYC	Ongoing	Exhibit on Irène Némirovsky , author of Suite Française @ Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC
THU 24	Hommage to Pierre Chevalier , with directors Pascal Ferran and Abderrahmane Sissako @ MoMA, NYC	THU 26	Chicago Symphony Orchestra with Pierre Boulez @ Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage, NYC	THU 20	FRANCOPHONIE DAY For locations please visit www.frenchculture.org	THU 18 — MAY 4	Ensemble Aleph Tour , NYC, Washington D.C., and San Diego	FRI 16	IJK by the Cie 111 @ New Victory/42nd Street Theater, NYC	Ongoing	JUN-SEP: Louise Bourgeois @ Guggenheim, NYC
THU 24	French Heritage Language Program Roundtable with researchers from UCLA, NYU and Internationals Network for Public Schools @ NYU, NYC	Ongoing	Jean-Paul Viguier , McNay Museum @ French Cultural Services, NYC FEB-MAY: WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution @ PS1, NYC FEB-MAY: Christian Boltanski @ Int. Center of Photography, NYC	Ongoing	Florence and Daniel Guerlain Foundation for Contemporary Art—Select Drawings @ French Cultural Services, NYC MAR-MAY: Color Chart @ MoMA, NYC	Ongoing	Homage to philosopher Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe , with conference speakers Jean-Luc Nancy, Michel Deutsch, Jean-Christophe Bailly and Pierre Alferi @ NYU, NYC	Ongoing	Distant by Rachid Ouramdane in NYC and Boston 100% Growth by Xavier Kim @ San Francisco International Festival	<p>Consult our relaunched website for up-to-date information Frenchculture.org</p> <p>View many grant opportunities in the arts and education on Facecouncil.org</p>	
FRI 25 — SAT 26	The Shadows of Time by Dutilleul , performed by the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, Saint Louis	Ongoing	U.S. tours of novelist Dominique Fabre , young fiction writer Geneviève Brisac and journalist-publisher Bernard Magnier specialized in African affairs	THU 27 — SUN 30	The Armory Show featuring several French Artists @ Pier 94, NYC	Ongoing	APR-JUN: Flow @ Studio Museum, NYC APR-MAY: Arslan: New Influences @ The Drawing Center, NYC	Ongoing	MAY: Kader Attia Solo Exhibition @ ACA Gallery, Savannah College MAY-JUN: 3D Dwelling @ Storefront for Architecture, NYC		
TUE 29	The Many Faces of Patrice Leconte , part of "On Set with French Cinema" and dialogue with the director @ FIAF, NYC	FRI 29	Opening Night of Rendez-Vous with French Cinema @ Lincoln Center, NYC	Ongoing	MAR-APR: U.S. tour of Musica Deuxième by Marguerite Duras, with Astrid Bas and Daniel Pettrow MAR-APR: U.S. tour and première of PI. (Pays) by Julie Dossavi	Ongoing	APR-MAY: Pen American World Voices Festival with Jean Hatzfeld, Catherine Millet, Fatou Diome @ NYC (For locations, visit Frenchculture.org)	Ongoing	Tour of the Rite of Spring by Compagnie Heddy Maalem in North Carolina, New York and Massachussetts		
JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
MON 7 — SAT 26	French Heritage Language Program Summer Camp for High School and University Students, NYC	<i>Be sure to check out French artists at:</i> Central Park Summer Stage , NYC Celebrate Brooklyn @ Prospect Park, NYC		Ongoing	French Fiction Festival , a showcase of the very best of contemporary French literature @ NY Public Library, NYC Commemorating the birth of Simone de Beauvoir Conference @ NYU, NYC	Ongoing	The Future is on the Table , Charleston, GA OCT-NOV: Outdoor Sculpture of Bernar Venet , Houston OCT-NOV: Love for Ever , Dallas	Ongoing	New French Films @ BAM, NYC	TBA	U.S. Tour of Woyzeck by Josef Nadj Company
Ongoing	Lincoln Center Summer Festival , a multidisciplinary festival featuring French artists, NYC	Mostly Mozart Festival directed by Louis Langrée @ Lincoln Center, NYC		Ongoing	Crossing the Line Festival , a dynamic arts program celebrating cross-cultural artistic exchanges between France and NYC @FIAF and the Spiegel Tent, NYC	OCT 15 — NOV 15	Cultures Urbaines Festival , multidisciplinary festival showcasing the cultural diversity of France's urban centers, USA	Ongoing	New Literature from Europe Festival in NYC Miami Book Fair , Miami	<p>LEGEND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Education & French Language Film Music Performing-Arts Visual Arts Multidisciplinary Events 	
MON 14	BASTILLE DAY! Celebrating France's National Day	WED 3	New French-English Dual Language K-12 Programs open in NYC					TBA	Semaine des Cahiers du Cinéma , Cambridge, NYC, San Francisco		

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Recently revamped in December 2007, Frenchculture.org, the website of the Cultural Services, receives over 80,000 hits a month. It provides up-to-date information in English on the best of French cultural events throughout the United States. Our site's structure mirrors the geographical division of the Cultural Services, with our headquarters in New York City and nine regional offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, San Francisco and Washington D.C. It offers local listings of the projects sponsored by the Embassy and provides resources for French language students and educators. If you want to learn more about our programs, grants and activities, you will find all you need on our website!



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You may wonder why we should turn to you for financial assistance. The answer is simple: until 1996, the majority of our initiatives received almost full funding from the French government; today, only one-third of our initiatives benefit from French government support. In order to continue to serve our role as the primary ambassador for French culture in the United States, we invite you to make a donation to FACE (French American Cultural Exchange), an American non-profit foundation dedicated to supporting contemporary, creative work in the context of French-American cultural and educational exchange.

Please make a donation online or contact Alessandra Benedicty at (212) 439-1405.

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