



French Film Festival

3 – 13 November 2021 at Ciné Lumière, London

The French Film Festival is back from 3 November to 15 December in 32 cinemas UK-wide, including Ciné Lumière in London.

The festival will bring over **230 screenings of French and Francophone films** to British audiences, from Belfast to Lewes, from Aberdeen to Plymouth. In London, **Ciné Lumière, will feature 17 films**, mostly UK premieres, **2 TV series** and **several short films** over **37 screenings** as well as **introductions and Q&As with talents, from 3 to 13 November**.

Londoners will get a chance to discover some of the year's hottest **titles from the Cannes Film Festival selection**, including the UK premiere of *France*, starring Léa Seydoux (currently in *No Time to Die* and *The French Dispatch*), and opening the festival at Ciné Lumière, in the presence of director Bruno Dumont on 3 Nov.

Other highlights coming straight from the Croisette are the Palme d'or winning *Titane* by Julia Ducournau, *Paris 13th District (Les Olympiades)* by Jacques Audiard and the hit comedy starring Jean Dujardin, *OSS 117: From Africa with Love (OSS 117: Alerte rouge en Afrique noire)* by Nicolas Bedos. Catherine Corsini will present her film *The Divide (La Fracture)* on 6 Nov and Joachim Lafosse's *The Restless (Les Intranquilles)* will be followed by a Q&A with the director on 9 Nov.

The festival also features a great line-up of women directors: Céline Sciamma (*Portrait of a Lady on Fire*) with *Petite maman*, Leyla Bouzid with *A Tale of Love and Desire* (*Une histoire d'amour et de désir*), featuring Sami Outabali from *Sex Education*, and Claire Simon with *I Want to Talk About Duras* (*Vous ne désirez que moi*), starring Emmanuelle Devos.

This year, the French Film Festival offers a platform to **French TV series**. Comedy meets Sci Fi in *UFOs (OVNI(S))*, starring Melvil Poupaud and Nicole Garcia, while *All the Way Up (Validé)*, dives into the world of rap with cameos by French hip hop.

Family screenings (*Spread your Wings* or César winning animated film *Josep*) are also programmed as well as **classics** including a tribute to the late director Bertrand Tavernier with *Let Joy Reign Supreme* (*Que la fête commence*).

Full programme

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