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April - July 2022 Highlights

The Magic of Cinema



Best of César 2022

From Xavier Giannoli's take on Balzac's masterpiece, **Lost Illusions**, to Audrey Diwan's gripping adaptation of Annie Ernaux's novel, **Happening**, we've selected the best films nominated and/or awarded by the French Film Académie. This best of also includes the acclaimed documentary **The Velvet Queen** following writer and adventurer Sylvain Tesson and Arthur Harari's **Onoda: 10,000 Nights in the Jungle**.

April – July



Seascapes

While oceans connect us across the five continents, their very balance is threatened today by global warming and plastic waste. With our new film season **Seascapes**, we'll travel and dream through various stories, locations and wonders of the sea, in animation and live-action, fiction and documentary through the lens of Tati, Antonioni, Cousteau and Tom Moore. Swim along with us to experience the magic and appeal of the sea at Ciné Lumière.

April – July



Fresh Releases

Last year's hits from the Cannes Film Festival are finally coming to your favourite screen! Kickstarting with Paul Verhoeven's subversive historical drama **Benedetta** starring Virginie Efira, our new season of film releases will include Mia Hansen-Løve's romantic drama **Bergman Island**, and Gaspar Noé's **Vortex**, starring the cult horror maestro Dario Argento. Meet also Belgian director Laura Wandel on 20 April, for the release of **Playground**, which won the FIPRESCI Prize.

April – July

Visual & Performing Arts



Art Matters: Ceramic Today

Join **Anne Dressen**, curator of the recent exhibition *The Flames: The Age of Ceramic* at the Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, France-based artist **Natsuko Uchino**, British artist **Aaron Angell**, and writer and editor **Amy Scherlock** to discuss how their work has challenged and re-invented the codes and tradition of ceramic practices.

Wed 6 April, 6.30pm

Focus on Saint-Etienne International Design Biennial

Meet design curator **Jana Scholze** and historian **Penny Sparke**, two of the curators of the exhibition *At Home. A panorama of our domestic lives*, presented at the 12th edition of the Saint-Etienne International Design Biennial (6 April – 31 July). They will be joined by French and British artists to discuss the project and its extensions, as part of our series of conversations, **Design in an Expanded Field**.

Thu 28 April, 6.30pm

Les Salons en Musique

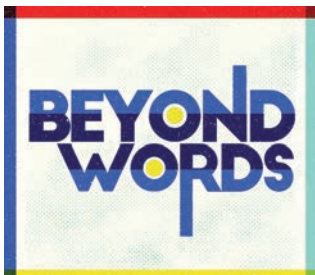
Our programme includes a joint concert of sacred music by the ensembles **Alla Francesca** and **Diabolus in Musica** as a tribute to Notre-Dame de Paris. Pianist **David Bismuth** and violinist **Geneviève Laurenceau** will recreate the musical landscape in Proust's time, while the **Trio Jenlis** will perform works by French and British contemporary composers, including Karol Beffa.

14 April – Notre-Dame, the Voice of Cathedrals

18 May – Tribute to Marcel Proust

23 June – Trio Jenlis

Beyond Words Festival



In a Few Words

Beyond Words is back! Our beloved **literary festival** highlights the best of contemporary French literature in English translation and promotes dialogue between French and British writers.

This year's edition gives voice to feminist novelists, pays tribute to Proust and Molière, and marks the 60th anniversary of the Independence of Algeria. See some of the highlights hereafter and check the full line-up online: Beyond Words won't disappoint your great expectations!

16 – 22 May

Revisiting



J-E.Blanche, Marcel Proust

In Search of Marcel Proust

Marking the centenary of Marcel Proust's death, Beyond Words invites two passionate Proust readers and experts, Professors **Antoine Compagnon** (Collège de France) and **Christopher Prendergast** (University of Cambridge). They will explore how *In Search of Lost Time* can still shape our imaginations. Christophe Honoré's *Guermantes* and our book club dedicated to *In the Shadow of Young Girls in Flower* complete this programme.

Wed 18 May, 6.30pm – Talk

Sat 21 May, 8.35pm – *Guermantes*

Thu 7 July, 7pm – Reading Group



Deborah Levy, Marie Darrieussecq and Lauren Elkin

British playwright, novelist and poet **Deborah Levy** and French writer **Marie Darrieussecq** are both considered to be amongst the leading voices of their generation. In a conversation chaired by author and translator **Lauren Elkin**, they will discuss how they address contemporary womanhood, within both the creative and political fields.

Fri 20 May, 7pm



Spotlight on Hervé Le Tellier

What would happen if a plane and its passengers duplicated themselves? Find out with writer **Hervé Le Tellier**, the current president of Oulipo – the French “workshop of potential literature”. Join our book club on 7 April to explore his very Oulipian Goncourt prize-winning bestseller *The Anomaly* and meet the author in the flesh at Beyond Words on 21 May.

Thu 7 April, 7pm – Reading Group on *The Anomaly*

Sat 21 May, 3pm – Discussion with Hervé Le Tellier



Molière: Je t'aime moi non plus

Join two actors and a director stuck in a room with Molière's greatest scenes. What does he have to say to us about the way we feel? This is an encounter. With Molière. With ourselves. **Je t'aime moi non plus** is the latest production by the team that created the hit play *Ionesco/Dinner at the Smiths* – Marianne Badrichani and Edith Vernes. As part of Molière's 400th anniversary celebrations.

22 May, in French with English sur-titles



Explore Côte d'Azur

With a shoreline that oozes glamour and picturesque landscapes, this brief season is dedicated to the seductive French Riviera. Featuring Jacques Deray's classic *La Piscine* and Henri Verneuil 1963's thriller, *Mélo die en sous-sol*, we'll highlight the cinematic versatility of the iconic French coast. A rare collection of shorts featuring Agnès Varda's 1958 gem *Du Côté de la Côte* and Jean Vigo's silent debut *A Propos de Nice* will also take you on a brief escape to the sea. Stay tuned for more events around the iconic Côte d'Azur.

May

On Topic



Refugee Week

Partnering once again with RBKC Refugees Welcome Committee and Karma Bank, the Institut français will programme several films and debates, including screenings of Gianfranco Rosi's compelling documentary **Fire at Sea**, as well as Mark E Breeze and Tom Scott-Smith's award-winning **Shelter without Shelter**. Join us as we celebrate community, mutual care and starting over together.

20 – 26 June



Europe Day in Short

Ahead of Europe Day, the Institut français teams up with EUNIC London and the EU Delegation to the UK to present **In Short, Europe**, a festival featuring award-winning short films from over 20 countries across Europe. Under the theme *Special, Unique & Strange Relationships*, this year's festival kicks off on 7 May at the Institute with screenings, panel discussions, workshops and live performances. It will continue online from 8-15 May.

7 May



Faiza Guène © Marie Huguierin

Voices of Algeria

The Institut français marks the 60th anniversary of Algeria's independence with a series of talks and films revisiting Algerian history and identity. Meet English Pen award winning author **Kamel Daoud**, and best-selling novelist **Faiza Guène** at Beyond Words festival. Catch also a selection of films including **Mehdi Lallaoui**'s new documentary on Frantz Fanon followed by a discussion with **Jean Khalifa** (University of Cambridge), a selection of Algerian documentaries from the 1960s to the present, as well as the classic and rarely screened *Muriel* by Alain Resnais.

May – July

Women Shaping the World



Nathacha Appanah © Ulf Anderson



Women Writers

Women writers take centre stage at Beyond Words. **Nathacha Appanah**, author of *The Sky Above the Roof* will be in conversation with **Rosie Goldsmith**, while **Jeanne Benameur** will discuss her poetic tale *The Child Who* with **Tice Cin**. **Deborah Levy**, **Marie Darrieussecq** and **Lauren Elkin** complete this exceptional line-up!

Mon 16 May, 6.30pm – Jeanne Benameur & Tice Cin

Tue 17 May, 6pm – Nathacha Appanah & Rosie Goldsmith

Fri 20 May, 7pm – Deborah Levy, Marie Darrieussecq & Lauren Elkin

Women in Film

Behind or in front of the camera, inspiring women have long changed our gaze on cinema and the world. Ciné Lumière puts them in the spotlight through new releases as well as classics and documentaries. Don't miss the screening of Antoneta Alamat Kusijanovic's Cannes Camera d'or winning **Murina**, **Playground** by Bartosz M. Kowalski, a film season on the new wave of **Italian female directors** and a tribute to the great **Monica Vitti**.

April – July



The Podcast

Our podcast offers a platform to discuss the links between culture and feminism. We will hear how author **Fatima Daas** is adapting to being called "the new voice of her generation" since publishing her debut novel *The Last One* to much acclaim. We'll also explore crafts and feminism with a focus on artist **Louise Bourgeois**, and female monstrosity with **Prof. Marina Warner**.

April – June

Discovering, Experiencing



Ciné Families

In echo with our **Seascapes** film season, our screenings for kids and families invite you to take the plunge. Breathe the salty air of the big blue in Jacques Perrin's grandiose *Oceans*, get enchanted by the beautiful *Song of the Sea*, meet the bravest Disney princess *Moana* and enjoy Tati's *Mr Hulot's Holidays*. Our ship's hold also contains half-term goodies including the enchanting *Coppelia*, *The Bad Guys* or – perfect for easter – *Rabbit Academy*.

April – July



Behind the Stories

Award winning author **Thomas Gerbeaux** and illustrator **Pauline Kerleroux**, known for *L'incroyable histoire du coq qui ne voulait pas fermer son bec*, will run three different workshops inspired by their own work and novels. Kids aged 8+ will be introduced to the art of storytelling and be given tips on how to separate fake news from the real ones.

Sat 23 Apr, 3pm – Fake News:

Spotting True or False Stories

Sat 21 May, 3pm – How Are Books Made?

Sat 18 June, 3pm – Let's Create a Story Together



French Video Games Play Party

Today, video games are more inclusive than ever! Men and women of all ages and cultural backgrounds enjoy gaming together. Whether you're experienced or new to the gaming world, join us for an afternoon of video games, friendly competition and VR experiences brought to you by mayamada GamePad.

Sat 14 May, 1pm



French Pop Video Competition

Let's celebrate the power of words as well as the tremendous creativity of young people and add a pinch of challenge and a squeeze of Francophonie to the mix. Primary and secondary students from British schools take part in our French Pop Video Competition this year and dazzle with talent! The grand winners will be announced during a special awards ceremony following a concert on World Music Day.

21 June



The Teacher's Trail

Spring is the perfect time for teacher training! On 11 June, join the ALL London Branch spring event at the Institute featuring a series of workshops and presentations for the Modern Foreign Languages teaching community. On 18 June and 9 July, join us and Catherine Cheater in Leeds and London to know what the Primary French Project can do for Primary teachers. To know more about our Continuing Professional Development offers, check **The Teacher's Trail** section on our website.

June – July



French Camps for Kids & Teens


The Institut français is taking its successful teaching practices to a fast-track, week-long French camp during the holidays. Fusing together French courses with exciting cultural activities, our Spring and Summer camps will be an unforgettable French immersion journey for your kids and teens aged 8-15, whatever their level, from beginners to intermediate.

4 – 8 April
11 – 15 July
18 – 22 July



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