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Highlights

Books & Ideas



Maylis de Kerangal © F. Mantovani; Shumona Sinha © P. Normand

In Conversation: Maylis de Kerangal & Shumona Sinha

Joined by translator and author **Lauren Elkin** and professor **Russel Williams**, **Maylis de Kerangal** and **Shumona Sinha** will discuss their novels, *Down with the Poor!* and *Eastbound*. Both centre around a confrontation between a man and a woman: one on the Trans-Siberian railway, the other on the Paris metro. Together, they will address State violence, freedom of movement and of speech, and the role of literature in revealing boundaries as grey areas.

Tue 27 Sept, 6.30pm

Visual & Performing Arts



Noé Soulier © Wilfried Thery, Cndc; Alistair Spalding

Look-out Dance: Noé Soulier & Alistair Spalding

Launching **Look-out**, a new series of conversations between experts in the same field, choreographer **Noé Soulier**, Director of the CNDC-Angers, one of the most prominent dance institutions in France, and **Alistair Spalding**, Artistic Director and Chief Executive of Sadler's Wells, will discuss their practices, vision and the dance learning process. Ahead of his participation to the Belfast International Arts Festival, Noé Soulier will also introduce his first film, *Fragments*.

Wed 19 Oct, 6.30pm



French Comics Drink & Draw

Unleash the artist within, learn a thing or two about drawing and enjoy a drink with this inspiring sketching social. Meet French graphic novelists **Lucie Arnoux** and **Marine Des Mazery** before they steal the show at the Lakes International Comic Art Fest! Join them for a unique Drink and Draw! All levels welcome.

Thu 13 Oct, 7pm



Lucie Paye © Jeanne de Merczy; Michèle Roberts © Mr Pagan

In Conversation: Lucie Paye & Michèle Roberts

Lucie Paye's debut novel, *Absence*, plunges into the artistic process of a painter who sees a mysterious female figure emerge under his brushes. Elsewhere, a dying woman writes to her long-lost son. Joined by **Michèle Roberts**, whose latest novel *Cut Out* focuses on the young women assisting Matisse, and translator **Natasha Lehrer**, the three will discuss art as creation and destruction, the creative role of the unconscious, and the power of love against loss.

Fri 14 Oct, 6.30pm



Art Matters: Ali Cherri

Winner of the Silver Lion Award at the 59th Venice Biennale, Lebanese-born Paris-based artist **Ali Cherri** will introduce the UK premiere of his debut feature *The Dam* at Tate Modern (8 Oct). He will then join us at the Institute on 10 October to talk about his film, an allegoric tale following the steps of a Sudanese brick-maker who secretly wanders off into the desert. In partnership with Tate Modern.

Mon 10 Oct, 6.30pm



Les Salons en Musique

Opening with the deep vocals of **Marie-Laure Garnier** and energetic piano of **Célia Oneto Bensaid** with pieces from Clara and Robert Schumann to Kaija Saariaho, our musical season features a tribute to Kabylian song by soprano **Amel Brahim-Djelloul**, accordion prodigy, **Elodie Soulard**, and French jazz with **Raphaël Imbert Quartet**.

29 Sept – Marie-Laure Garnier & Célia Oneto Bensaid

20 Oct – Amel Brahim-Djelloul

24 Nov – Elodie Soulard

1 Dec – Raphaël Imbert Quartet

The Magic of Cinema



New Releases

You are in for a treat at Ciné Lumière, with French hits and international must-sees coming to the screen! Winning the Silver Bear for Best Director at the 2022 Berlinale, **Claire Denis's *Both Sides of the Blade*** is her third collaboration with the magnetic **Juliette Binoche**. Don't miss **Léa Seydoux** starring in Cronenberg's latest ***Crimes of the Future*** alongside **Kristen Stewart** and **Viggo Mortensen** and catch **Ruben Östlund's** latest Palme d'Or-winning satire, ***Triangle of Sadness***.

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Celebrating



Open House

Did you know that the Institut was founded in 1910 by a woman, Marie d'Orliac? Or that it welcomed Charles de Gaulle and the Free French Forces during the Second World War? Learn all about the Institut's fascinating history and gorgeous Art Deco architecture including its Grade II listed library and recently renovated foyer with guided tours and archives exhibition, as part of Open House London.

Sat 17 & Sun 18 Sept



30th French Film Festival

Discover our *sur-mesure* programme featuring a stellar line-up of premieres at Ciné Lumière. Enjoy the best in French cinema from newcomers and big names, including **Cédric Klapisch** (*Rise*) and **Patrice Leconte**, uniting two legendary figures in *Maigret* with **Gérard Depardieu**. **Charlotte Gainsbourg** (*The Passengers of the Night*), **Louis Garrel** (*Forever Young*) or **Laure Calamy** (*Angry Annie*), your favourite actors *sont à l'affiche* in this special edition!

2 – 13 Nov



Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Discover this enchanting tale featuring **Isabelle Huppert** and **Lambert Wilson**. Hailed as one of the most anticipated films of the season, it follows a seemingly ordinary British housekeeper (**Lesley Manville**) who acts on her dream to own a haute-couture Christian Dior gown made to measure in Paris...

From 30 Sept – Release



Tribute to Jean-Louis Trintignant

"The best actors in the world are those who feel the most and show the least" Jean-Louis Trintignant. From his iconic early films ***The Conformist***, ***A Man and a Woman*** and ***My Night at Maud's***, to the landmark ***Three Colours: Red, Z and Amour***, let's celebrate one of France's most noted and beloved actors.

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Sempé & Little Nicholas

We pay homage to the late **Sempé**, one of France's finest cartoonists, renowned for his covers for the *New Yorker*, his witty drawings in French magazine *Paris Match* and for the series of children's books he created with René Goscinny, *Le Petit Nicolas*. We'll be screening the latest adaptation of *Little Nicholas*, winner of the Best Feature Award at the Annecy International Animated Film Festival, as part of the South Ken Kids Festival.

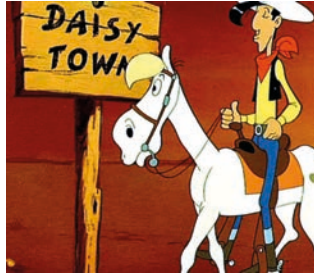
Sun 20 Nov, 3.30pm

Kids & Education



Que les meilleurs gagnent!

The Institut français rewards French teachers and students as part of two national competitions. Who will be the next French Teacher of the Year? Find out on the French Teachers' Day, on 26 November, when the **French Teacher Award** is announced! Meanwhile, sixth formers throughout the UK spar in French debate competitions to reach the finals of our **Joutes oratoires lycéennes** which will take place in March 2023.



CinéFamilies

Astérix, Lucky Luke and **Tintin**: the best among the best will hit the screens of Ciné Lumière as part of our **Drumroll For Fortuitous Heroes** season this Autumn! Meanwhile the **Fête du Cinéma d'Animation** will showcase animated gems such as Laguionie's *A Monkey's Tale* or multi-awarded *The Crossing* written by Florence Miailhe and Marie Desplechin. More delights are to be expected during the **South Ken Kids Festival**, with *Stinky Dog*, *Happy Life in Paris!*, *Little Nicholas* and *Akissi*.

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Kids' Activities

What's up for kids at the Institut français? Whether they want to create their own mix and match book, or want to read easy French stories or even play video games, preschoolers and children (up to 12 years of age) can get crafty with our workshops or get inspired with storytelling sessions at the **Bibliothèque Quentin Blake**.

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South Ken Kids Festival



Line-Up

Let's celebrate children's literature in all its glory with the best writers and artists from both sides of the Channel, including **Beatrice Alemagna, Stephanie Blake, Bridget Marzot, Jean-Claude Mourlevat, François Place, Axel Scheffler, Olivier Tallec** and **Sam Usher**. The Institute throws open its doors to all readers young and old, to watch their favourite illustrators draw, attend film screenings and performances, take part in workshop, and have their books signed.

14 – 20 Nov

www.southkenkidsfestival.co.uk

Anniversaries!

Under the patronage of **Quentin Blake**, the South Ken Kids Festival has been sharing the love of children's literature for 25 years. Now that's something to celebrate! We have invited our friends the **Children's Bookshow** and **Gallimard Jeunesse** to present two exclusive exhibitions on their own anniversaries. Let's all party together with **Impro!** our giant drawing and music jam!

4 Oct – 20 Nov – Exhibition: 20 years of The Children's Bookshow

14 Oct – 20 Nov – Exhibition: 50 years of Gallimard Jeunesse

19 Nov – Impro!

Virtual Reality Stories

As part of Novembre Numérique, the South Ken Kids Festival takes you to new territories! Put on an astronaut's suit, become a creature of the dark, travel through the history of cinema or walk through the maze of a Cathedral in 360° virtual reality films. Discover fascinating stories in an innovative way.

14 – 20 Nov

Women Shaping the World



Women's Voices

Women writers take centre stage at the Institut this season with our Books & Ideas literary discussions. Our monthly book club will also revisit some of literature's greatest women's voices. Written five years after *The Second Sex*, **Simone de Beauvoir's** *The Inseparables* was recently published in a translation by **Lauren Elkin**. This is a passionate and tragic must-read along with **Annie Ernaux's** auto-biographical novel *Happening*.

Thu 6 Oct – Simone de Beauvoir
Thu 8 Dec – Annie Ernaux

Women's Rights

Join us for a series of films and debates tackling issues that many women around the world face: violence, inequality, lack of freedom and the denial of education. The powerful documentary *Riposte féministe* will bring to light everyday sexism. Women's rights over their own bodies will be addressed with our discussion on Annie Ernaux's auto-biographical novel *Happening*, and the screenings of *Simone Veil, a Woman of the Century*, *Story of Women* and *Annie Colère*.

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Isabelle Huppert

Through her international, multi-awarded and incredibly prolific career, **Isabelle Huppert** has inspired some of the finest and most demanding directors from Claude Chabrol, to Maurice Pialat, from Claire Denis to Paul Verhoeven and Michael Haneke. On the occasion of the publication of Nick Rees-Roberts and Darren Waldron essay *Isabelle Huppert: Stardom, Performance, Authorship* (Bloomsbury, 2022), Ciné Lumière puts the spotlight on one of cinema's greatest actors.

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Wide Angle



Olivette Otele © J.L.K. Patrick Boucheron



New Ways of Writing History

In a globalised era of ever-growing communications, new voices have begun to arise, putting the dominant historical discourse into perspective. Leading historians **Olivette Otele**, Professor at SOAS, University of London, and **Patrick Boucheron**, lecturer at the Collège de France, will discuss the new ways history is being written in favour of a more complete – yet complex – picture of our past. The conversation will be chaired by Professor **Filippo de Vivo** (University of Oxford).

Tue 20 Sept, 6.30pm

We Stand with Ukraine

The Institut français shows its support to the Ukrainian people with *Drawing for Peace in Ukraine*, where Ukrainian, British and European illustrators come together on stage to draw to the sound of Ukrainian harpist **Alina Bzhezhinska**. We'll also continue our exploration of Ukraine's cinematic history with the recently restored 1965 *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors* by Sergei Parajanov, set in the Carpathian Mountains of Ukraine.

2 Oct – *Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors*

17 Nov – *Drawing for Peace in Ukraine*

Black Paris: Josephine and Beyond


As part of Black History Month, we'll be presenting a film series dedicated to Paris at the start of the Jazz Age. *Paris Blues* (1961) and the documentary *Paris Noir* (2017) show how Paris was not only the city of artistic expression, cultural renaissance, and radical politics but also a city where African-American writers, intellectuals, musicians and performers came together and made history.

Fri 7 Oct – *Paris Noir*
Sun 9 & Sat 15 Oct – *Paris Blues*



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