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The French Film Festival UK returns to Ciné Lumière in London from 2 – 13 November 2022

The 30th anniversary edition of the French Film Festival runs from 2 November to 15 December in more than 35 cinemas UK-wide, including Ciné Lumière in London.

In a special co-curated programme, Ciné Lumière will feature French and Francophone films, mostly UK premieres over 42 screenings and will welcome talents including Charlotte Gainsbourg, Patrice Leconte, Eric Gravel and Blandine Lenoir, from 2 to 13 November.

The festival will open on 2 November with one of this year's hits at the Venice Film Festival, *Full Time (A plein temps)*, which garnered the Best Director Award to **Eric Gravel**, as well as the Best Actress Award to **Laure Calamy** (*Call My Agent*).

On 8 November, singer, actor and now filmmaker **Charlotte Gainsbourg** will present her directorial debut *Jane by Charlotte*, a portrait of her mother, the iconic Jane Birkin. She will also take part in a Q&A after the screening of **Mikhaël Hers's** *The Passengers of the Night (Les Passagers de la nuit)* in which she took the lead role.

Director **Patrice Leconte** (*Ridicule, Monsieur Hire, The Girl on the Bridge*) will introduce the UK premiere of his latest film, *Maigret*, starring **Gérard Depardieu**, on 12 November.

Other highlights at Ciné Lumière include **Michel Hazanavicius' Final Cut (Coupez !)** featuring Romain Duris and Bérénice Bejo, **François Ozon's Peter Von Kant** and **Robert Guédiguian's Mali Twist (Twist à Bamako)**. **Cédric Klapisch's Rise (En corps)** will also be presented ahead of its **exclusive release at Ciné Lumière** from 18 November.

As part of the strand **Women's Rights Now!**, several films will address the issue of women's rights, including Blandine Lenoir's *Angry Annie (Annie Colère)*, also starring Laure Calamy, Olivier Dahan's *Simone Veil, A Woman of the Century (Simone, le voyage du siècle)*, and *Feminist Riposte (Riposte féministe)* by Marie Perennès and Simon Depardon.

The French Film Festival UK also showcases films from the Francophone world with some of the 2022 Cannes Film Festival's favourites, such as **Luc** and **Jean-Pierre Dardenne's Tori & Lokita** which was awarded the 75th Anniversary Prize, and this year's Grand Prix, *Close* by **Lukas Dhont**.

Classics (**Jacques Demy's A Room in Town** and **Philippe de Broca's Dear Louise**, starring Jeanne Moreau) as well as **family screenings** (*Little Indian, Big City, Little Gang*) are also on the menu.

[Full programme](#)

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