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**A LA UNE**

**April - July 2023  
Highlights**

# Performing & Visual Arts



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## Tiago Rodrigues Presents the Festival d'Avignon

**Tiago Rodrigues**, new Director of the Festival d'Avignon, one of the most prominent performing arts festivals in Europe, will be at the Institut français to introduce the programme of its 77th edition. The presentation will be followed by a conversation between French and British artists featured in this edition, celebrating the upcoming festival's focus on the English language.

19 April, 6.30pm



## Art Matters with Tarek Lakhri

Poet and artist **Tarek Lakhri** will explore the themes of desire, queer poetic and empowerment through a reading followed by a conversation with curator **Lynton Talbot**, as part of Beyond Words Festival. The discussion will delve into the relation between his writing and visual arts practice, and his use of language as a tool for resistance and self-defence.

15 May, 6pm



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## Cinema of Resistance with Zineb Sedira

Resonating with Zineb Sedira's 2022 Venice Biennale show, this programme, presented as part of the SAFAR Film Festival, sheds light on the relationship between cinema, anticolonial activism in Algeria and collective memory. It features Sedira's short film *mise-en-scène* (2019), William Klein's cult documentary *Le Festival Panafricain d'Alger* (1969), and Ennio Lorenzini's film *Les Mains libres* (1965). The screenings will be followed by a Q&A session with **Zineb Sedira** and film curator and critic **Róisín Tapponi**.

5 July, 7pm

# Music



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## Les Salons en Musique

**Les Salons en Musique** series will highlight artists supported by Diaphonique, our Franco-British-Irish fund for contemporary music. Pianist **Pascale Berthelot** will be performing pieces by Diaphonique laureate Gérard Pesson, while the **Ensemble Variances** will offer a meditation on the future of our planet. During Beyond Words, **Julie Anna Zappalà** will be playing French repertoire alongside her very own compositions.

26 April - Pascale Berthelot

16 May - Julie Anna Zappalà

16 June - Ensemble Variances



## Music Rendezvous with JOKO

Have you ever met someone shy yet loud, funny yet melancholic, messy yet organised? **JOKO** sings about the contradiction she sees in herself and others, in the language of her childhood. Raised by two opera singers and fed with Michel Gondry and the Spice Girls, she writes, composes and sings a pop full of feelings, rawness and provocations. Pop, rock, soul, organic, electronic, of course she wants it all!

Tue 13 June, 7pm



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## World Music Day with Lisa Ducasse

Comes summer, it is time for the Fête de la Musique. This year, the grand winners of the UK-wide **French Pop Video Competition** school contest will be announced as part of a special live concert with **Lisa Ducasse**, a spoken word artist and singer from Mauritius. Join us to celebrate the joy of music and *chanson* and the winners of this exciting competition.

21 June, 6.30pm



# Books & Ideas



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## Beyond Words Festival

Beyond Words festival is back! From 12 to 21 May, the Institut français goes Beyond Words to cross borders and genres and takes us on a literary journey through lively discussions, powerful readings and inspiring live performances and screenings. Audiences can expect the **best of contemporary French literature** in English translation, the **latest and hottest publications from both sides of the Channel** and a great line-up including acclaimed authors and new voices.

12 - 21 May

## Beyond Words Highlights

This year, we will partner with Gallic Books for a special evening with **Antoine Laurain, Muriel Barbery** and **Jean-Baptiste Andréa** and showcase the New French Novel with **Laurent Mauvignier, Lauren Elkin** and **Eric Vuillard**. We'll celebrate Colette's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with **Emmanuelle Lambert, Deborah Levy, Michele Roberts** and **Diana Holmes**. Not to mention a special appearance of the great **Ian McEwan!**



## Parisian Journeys

Our **monthly book club** puts the spotlight on the city of Paris. Explore the historic market district of Les Halles with Émile Zola's *The Belly of Paris*, embark on a haunted journey through post-war Paris with Patrick Modiano's *Missing Person*, get a panoramic view of contemporary Paris with Virginie Despentes' *Vernon Subutex*, and dive into the timeless Paris of Marcel Proust.

**Thu 6 Apr** - Émile Zola - in English  
**Thu 4 May** - Patrick Modiano - in French  
**Thu 8 Jun** - Virginie Despentes - in English  
**Thu 6 Jul** - Marcel Proust - in English

# Cinema



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## New Releases

Showered with 6 César awards, Dominik Moll's *The Night of the 12* will hit the screen of Ciné Lumière. Don't miss director **Albert Serra** on 20 April who will present his elliptical political thriller *Pacification*, featuring an extraordinary performance by Benoît Magimel. Other highlights include the previews of Cédric Jimenez's acclaimed *November*, starring **Jean Dujardin**, Emmanuelle Nicot's poignant debut *Love According to Dalva* and the 4K restoration of Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy *Three Colours: Blue, White and Red*.

April - July

## Sight and Sound Greatest Films of All Time

The *Sight and Sound* poll for the greatest films of all time is now a major bellwether of critical opinion on cinema. Our dedicated series of French films drawn from this poll continues with **Jean Vigo's L'Atalante**, **Agnès Varda's The Gleaners and I**, **Jean Renoir's La Règle du jeu**, **Chris Marker's Sans Soleil** and more unmissable films to enjoy on the big screen.

April - May



## Technology on Screen

Technology is the source of dreams (if not nightmares) for many filmmakers throughout the history of cinema. This series of films addresses the many ways technology and machines are shown on screen, often structuring or disrupting our thoughts. From classics **2001: A Space Odyssey**, *Modern Times* or *Playtime* to films for the whole family (**Elemental**, **April & the Extraordinary World**), as well as new releases and documentaries.

April - July



# Women Shaping the World

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## Women from Page to Screen

On the 150th anniversary of the birth of **Colette**, legendary actor **Leslie Caron** will talk about her seminal role as **Gigi** in Vincente Minelli's musical adaptation of her eponymous novel. We'll also explore **Marguerite Duras's** filmic writing with screenings of **India Song** and **Une aussi longue absence**. The season also brings an enlightening film on **Patricia Highsmith**, **Loving Highsmith**, as well as Nobel Prize-winner **Annie Ernaux's** directorial debut, **The Super 8 Years**.

April - May

## Wide Angle



## In Short, Europe: Awakening

Curated by Ellie Hales and Alex King, this European short film festival invites you to imagine new beginnings, reflect on your past experiences and dare to dream of a brighter future. This initiative is organised by EUNIC London in collaboration with the European Union Delegation to the UK, Leeds 2023 and Leeds International Film Festival.

12 - 13 May



## One Fine Morning

Writer-director **Mia Hansen-Love** (*Things to Come*) offers a profoundly moving portrayal of love, loss and contemporary womanhood, which features a career-defining performance from **Léa Seydoux**. A young widow juggles her job as a translator with caring both for her young daughter and her elderly father. Her life becomes more complicated when she embarks on a passionate affair with an old friend in an unhappy marriage...

From 14 April



## Paris Memories

In **Alice Winocour's Paris Memories**, **Mia (Virginie Efira)** is caught up in a terror attack in a Parisian brasserie, where a dozen people are killed. Three months later, while she still hasn't managed to resume the course of her life and has difficulty piecing together the events of the attack, **Mia** decides to find out who she was with that night, to find her way back to life and perhaps happiness.

in June



## Focus on Sergei Loznitsa

Ciné Lumière joins forces with Pushkin House to celebrate the multifaceted *oeuvre* of Ukrainian director **Sergei Loznitsa**. The programme will feature the UK premiere of his latest film, **The Kiev Trial** as well as **Babi Yar. Context** – two documentaries exploring the prelude and aftermath of the World War II massacre of nearly 34,000 Jews in Kiev. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the director.

2 - 10 June



## Refugee Week

During the Refugee Week, we'll present the London premiere of Lionel Baier's latest political comedy, **Continental Drift**, featuring the charismatic **Isabelle Carré** and **Théodore Pellerin**. Set in modern Sicily, this satire wittily takes aim at cynical bureaucrats and opportunistic politicians at the expense of refugees. A film that offers lightness on the theme of refugees while making us think of all the issues at stake.

19 - 25 June

# Kids' Corner



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## Kids' Activities

Your kids can stay in touch with the French language and culture at Bibliothèque Quentin Blake. What's on the menu? Rhyme times for toddlers, storytelling sessions for kids between 2 and 6, and (easy) French Club for those who want to start to learn French.

April – July



## CinéFamilies

We have more than one trick in our hat! The Mad Hatter from **Alice in Wonderland** will make a special appearance at Beyond Words Festival along with many other rabbits and eggs during Easter half term: **Little Eggs: African Rescue, Peter Rabbit** to name a few. Curious minds will be taken to new territories with our **Technology on Screen** season and the **Festival du Film Merveilleux & Imaginaire**.

April - July



## French Camp for Kids and Teens

Kids aged 11 to 15 years can get ready for a very French holiday at the Institut français. We are taking our successful teaching practices to a fast-track, weeklong immersion camp for your kids or teenagers. Fusing together language courses with exciting cultural activities, these camps will be an unforgettable French journey!

3 – 7 April  
10 – 14 July  
17 – 21 July

# Education



## BELC Royaume-Uni

Language coordinators and practitioners who teach French in the UK can take part in a one-week training course in London organised by the Institut français du Royaume-Uni and France Éducation international. BELC Royaume-Uni consists in multiple workshops intended to develop professional practices and to support dynamic career projects to guarantee the success of all students in French.

24 – 28 July

# Spotlight on Edinburgh



## French Artists at Edinburgh Summer Festivals

The month of August sees an unparalleled celebration of music, theatre, opera, dance and literature with the **Edinburgh International Festival** and the **EdBookFest**. Through the years, these world class cultural events have become essential summer rendezvous bringing together audiences and artists from around the world, including the *crème de la crème* of French artists.

4 – 28 August



## Vive le Fringe !

Held during the Edinburgh International Festival, the **Vive le Fringe !** festival celebrates cross-cultural exchanges between France and Scotland. For its 12th edition, the Institut français d'Écosse will welcome experimental musicians **Snow Apple** and **Sonia Killmann**, a musical theatre show by **Compagnie Bacchus**, a musical portrait of the life of Nina Simone by **David Lescot** and a theatre performance by **Compagnie La Meute**.

4-28 August



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