



Alliance Française de Charleston – November Activities

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Alliance Française of Charleston with The American Association of Teachers of French, The Québec Delegation in Atlanta & The Cultural Services of the French Embassy & CulturesFrance

PRESENT

AF FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL '09
Six award-winning films for your viewing Nov 5, 6, 7, & 8

MUSC Auditorium of the Institute of Psychiatry 67 President Street
(President & Doughty) downtown

Thursday Nov 5 at 7:00 pm Roman de gare (Crossed Tracks) [2007]

Written and directed by Oscar-winning Claude Lelouch (101 min.) In the still of the night three lives are about to cross...a woman abandoned at a service station, a stranger who may be a killer or a ghost writer or a runaway husband, and a best-selling author who imagines the thriller of the year. Deceptively layered and intriguingly misleading film stars Fanny Ardant and Dominique Pinon as an unlikely pair caught up in a game with high stakes and deadly consequences. 2007 Cannes Film Festival Official Selection. Won a Cesar (French equivalent of Oscars) in 2007 for Most Promising Actress. www.reelviews.net/php_review_template.php?identifiant=720

Friday Nov 6 at 6:30 pm R E C E P T I O N

Friday Nov 6 at 7:30 pm Séraphine [2008]

Written and directed by Martin Provost based on the life of French painter Séraphine de Senlis (121 minutes). In 1913, the German avant-garde art dealer Wilhelm Uhde, who discovered Le Douanier Rousseau, rents an apartment in Senlis, 30 miles from Paris. His cleaning lady is a roughhand ready 40-year-old woman who is the laughing stock of others. While visiting his landlady he notices a small painting and is shocked to learn that the artist is Séraphine. Thus begins an unexpected and poignant exchange between the art collector and the visionary maid. Best French Film of the Year and winner of six more awards at the 2009 Cesars. Won 2009 Lumière Award & Etoile d'Or Award for Best Actress. www.calendarlive.com/movies/reviews/cl-et-seraphine5-2009jun05,0,7218320.story

Saturday Nov 7 at 5:00 pm L'Heure Zéro (Towards Zero) [2007]

Directed by Pascal Thomas from Agatha Christie's novel Towards Zero. (107 minutes). The 1944 English story has been faithfully adapted and updated to a contemporary murder mystery located in the beautiful Brittany resort of Dinard near St-Malo. Guillaume, his ex-wife Aude and his current wife Caroline head to his aunt Camilla's Pointe aux Mouettes cliff-top manse in Brittany and right into an explosive mix of murder, twists and turns. When a victim is found dead in bed, Inspector Bataille is called to determine what happened. <http://www.variety.com/review/VE1117935201.html?categoryid=31&cs=1&p=0>

Saturday Nov 7 at 7:30 pm Largo Winch [2008]

A U.S. premiere. Directed by Jerome Salle (Anthony Zimmer) who co-wrote the scenario based on the Belgian/French popular bandes dessinées (hard-back comic books). Billionaire Nerio Winch, who created the powerful Winch empire, is found dead, drowned. His only heir is Largo, a son adopted secretly 27 years ago from a Croatian orphanage. Will he find his father's murderer? Is the back-packing reckless carefree adventurer ready to take over the huge conglomerate? So starts a frantic pursuit of the big prize, with non-stop action from Brazil to Hong-Kong, without Bat mobile or sophisticated weaponry, just brains, guts, cars, boats, planes, and cell phones, intelligently employed. Winner, 2009 Etoiles d'Or Award for Best Male Newcomer. After James Bond and Jason Bourne, here comes Largo Winch! <http://www.screendaily.com/largo-winch/4042206.article>

Sunday Nov 8 at 2:00 pm C'est pas moi, je le jure (It's Not Me, I Swear) [2008]

Written and directed by Philippe Falardeau, based on the beloved memoirs of novelist Bruno Hébert. The film is the story of the troubled Doré family in 1968 Quebec, told from the unique perspective of ten-year-old Leon who will do just about anything (arson, larceny, vandalism) to prevent his battling parents from splitting up. When his mother leaves abruptly to start a new life in Greece, Leon acts out with increasingly outrageous behavior to bring her back. "Skillful blend of humor and heartache" James McNally, [torontoscreenshots.com](http://www.torontoscreenshots.com). Seven wins and four nominations. Won Best Cinematography at 2009 Jutra (Québec Cesars) and four nominations. Won Best Actor and Best Canadian Film at the Atlantic Festival and Best Feature and Grand Prize at 2009 Berlin Festival. <http://www.torontoscreenshots.com/2009/02/01/cest-pas-moi-je-le-jure-swear/>

Sunday Nov 8 at 4:30 pm Le Couperet (The Ax) [2005]

Black humor comedy in the vein of Kind Hearts and Coronets, directed by Costa-Gavras who also wrote the script based on a novel by Donald Westlake. Bruno is a hard-working and decent man in his 40s when he loses his job at a large paper manufacturer due to restructuring. He spends two years looking for work without success. As he grows more desperate Bruno is pushed to contemplate getting rid of the competition – literally? Two 2006 Cesars nominations for Best Actor and Best Scenario Adaptation. Won Film and Literature Award at the 2006 Film by the Sea International Film Festival (festival of films based on literature) <http://www.urbancinefile.com.au/home/view.asp?a=11802&s=Reviews>

ALL FILMS ARE IN FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES *

Tickets: \$2.00 at the door Limited Seating Additional Info 843.235.6447

SPECIAL THANKS TO FRANCE-AMÉRIQUE AND FRANCE TODAY MAGAZINES

* Except Largo Winch which is English dialogues interspersed w/other languages subtitled in French

**L'ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE CHARLESTON
CELEBRATES THE ARRIVAL OF**

LE BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

**IN THE HOME OF DEBBIE MARLOWE
362 Sweetgrass Creek Road, Charleston SC 29412
Fort Johnson Estates**

Thursday, November 19th at 7pm

\$25 WINE AND BUFFET INCLUDED

RSVP: Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellsouth.net

**We can only accommodate 30 people so make your reservation early by sending Pat a check at 29
Bainbridge Charleston SC 29407**

Directions to Debbie's home:

**Highway 30 to Connector to Exit 2 Harbor View Road, Turn Right on Harbor View
Harbor View to the end at Fort Johnson Road, Turn Left
Fort Johnson Road 3/10 of a mile to Bonham, Turn Right
Bonham to Stop Sign, Turn Left on Trappier
Trappier turns into Sweetgrass Creek Road at Tennis Court and Pool
then 5th house on the Left 362 Sweetgrass Creek Road**

Language Center

New classes start will Tuesday November 3. If you have not registered, contact Corinne Mills ASAP.

OUR CLASSES – Check Classes and Dates: For questions or registration, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967.

Very Beginner taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud. Tuesdays: November 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. For class information email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Beginner, taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud. Tuesdays: November 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 2:30pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. For class information email Marie-Laure at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Advanced Beginner, taught by Nicole McCauley. Thursdays: Nov 5, 12, 19 and Monday Nov 30 (due to Thanksgiving) at 1pm at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 1812 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, West Ashley. For class information email Nicole at Buford.mccauley@comcast.net.

Intermediate, taught by Claire Auberjonois. Intermediate is for those who read, speak and write moderately well. For class information, email Claire Auberjonois claireauberjonois@yahoo.co.uk or at 843 609-8204 for date and place.

Advanced, taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud. Advanced is for those who are almost fluent. For class information, please contact Marie-Laure Arnaud at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com or tel 843 884- 5228.

Private Lessons If you are interested in more intensive and specific instruction, we offer private classes tailored to your needs. The lesson rate is \$ 30.00 per hour for members only. For more information, contact Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or Marie-Laure Arnaud at marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com.

Classes are for members only. (Please join us if you are not yet a member!) Price is \$100.00 per eight-week session. Classes held for less than 3 students will be considered as semi-private classes.

Monday November 9- Rendez Vous – L’heure de Conversation is at Mistral from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Meet other Francophiles from the Charleston area. Enjoy mingling with others en français. Everyone will practice at his/her level. Full bar and menu are available. RSVP to Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellosuth.net or 843 556-8458

Monday November 16- Le français par les jeux 7 at 8 :30pm. Please notify Pat if you are coming. The games will be at Pat Caldwell’s, 29 Bainbridge Dr, Charlestown Estates 1, West Ashley. Learn and practice French through games! Play Taboo, Devine Tête, Scrabble etc. RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or caldpat@bellsouth.net

Saturday November 21 - Pause Café at 1pm Summerville groupe de conversation. Are you interested in a French conversation group in Summerville? Lisette Luton will be hosting a “Pause Café” at her place, which will allow people to speak French in a relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee and

cookies. Come and help us shape this new group and decide what the format will be. 254 Weathers Court, Summerville, SC 29483. RSVP: Lisette Luton 821-1928.

Alliance Library

Friday November 20 - Le Cercle Littéraire at 7:30pm. Brigitte Codron will be hosting the meeting. Please RSVP to Brigitte. All are welcome; you choose the book you feel like reading. It could be one you purchased or one you borrowed from Le Cercle Littéraire's many offerings. The meeting is conducted in French. Contact Brigitte for more information at codronb@cofc.edu or 843 766-2673.

Upcoming Workshops

Sunday November 22 - Cooking Class at 7:00 pm Please RSVP!!! – Demonstration and Participation class with mini dinner plate tasting. Registration Information: Where: 1990 Belair Court Mt Pleasant, Who: Taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud, How Much: \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 non-members, How: Call Marie at 843 884-5228 or email or Marie_Arnaud@S5A.com.

Cultural Events

Monday November 9 -Le Tricot at 2pm- 4pm Bring a project or just come to chat. The group is not just for 'tricoteuses' but is open to all who might want to do any sort of handwork or indeed just come to chat! Free Parking at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street permitted for the time you are in the library. Contact: Alma Brown at almab@bellsouth.net or 843 243-9888 for meeting details...

Thursday –November 19 Evening Bridge at 630pm will be hosted by Ila Rose and Ken Walls. The session is limited to 4 tables of 4. Contact Tony Bassett at anthonybassett@bellsouth.net for the confirmed date, time, location and information.

Sunday November 29- La Petanque at 2pm. "Weather permitting" Meet at Hampton Park by the Gazebo. All are welcome from novice to expert. We provide the "boules". RSVP to Corinne Mills at cgm_51@hotmail.com or 843 817-4967.

Membership

Thank you for your support and participation! If you have not renewed your membership, you can still do it.

Your membership is vital to carrying out the many French programs and social opportunities provided through our alliance. Membership is essential to our success. Your membership expires in September 2009. Please print, complete and return your membership renewal form with your check to Alliance Française de Charleston, c/o John Green, 636-G 200 Long Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. Thank you for your membership.

Membership is renewed annually, each September. Renewals should be submitted beginning in August, but no later than September 30th. Any new membership acquired after May 31st of a given year will be valid through September of the following year.

Annual Membership Dues

Family Membership	\$60.00
Individual Membership	\$35.00
Academic Membership (Limited to Teachers of French and students -25 years old)	\$25.00
Patron Membership	\$500.00
Superbe Patron Membership	\$1000.00
Corporate Membership	\$500.00

For more information about membership, please email John Green at johnagreen.comcast.net.

If you need more information, have corrections and/or additions or have any questions concerning the information, please contact Pat Caldwell at caldpat@bellsouth.net or 843 556-8458

Mark your calendar

Fete de Noel Soiree TBA, Epiphany Soiree- Sunday January 10, 2010- Details to follow

