



## Alliance Française de Charleston

dedicated to the study of French language, cultural exchange and friendship between Americans and French speaking people.

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## February 2012 Activities



*The spirit of Paris comes to Memminger Auditorium for a performance of music by Ravel, Chabrier and Fauré*

**Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 7:30pm**

**Memminger Auditorium, 56 Beaufain Street**

Chamber Music Charleston's  
"A Celebration of France"

Ravel - String Quartet in F Major

Chabrier - L'Invitation du Voyage for Soprano, Bassoon and Piano

Fauré - Piano Quartet in c minor

*Frances Hsieh, violin*

*Ruben Camacho, violin*

*Ben Weiss, viola*

*Timothy O'Malley, cello*

*Sandra Nikolajevs, bassoon*

*Suzanne Fleming Atwood, soprano*

*Irina Pevzner, piano*

We are thrilled to partner with the Alliance Française de Charleston, post-concert reception sponsors. As a token of our appreciation, we are happy to provide discounted tickets for the Theatre Seating area!

**Special Alliance Française de Charleston Discount Ticket Price: \$15 Section A Seating (regular price: \$25) for more information, visit [http://www.chambermusiccharleston.org/Memminger\\_Discount.html](http://www.chambermusiccharleston.org/Memminger_Discount.html) for or call (843) 763-4941.**



## Mardi Gras Celebration La Société Française de Bienfaisance

invites members of the Alliance Française

to Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday 21 February

at Hobcaw Yacht Club, 180 Hobcaw Drive, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

Please join us in a festive Mardi Gras celebration at the Hobcaw Yacht Club on Tuesday February 21. We'll begin at 7 PM, with the *Dixie Express* Dixieland Jazz Band playing from 7-11 PM. The cost is \$25 per couple and *members should bring an hors d'oeuvre or covered dish of your*

choice. Dress will be costume or black tie, with costume encouraged. **Please send your check for \$25 per couple , Singles \$12.50 before February 17 to Charles Rhoden, 94 Tradd Street, Charleston, SC 29401. Guests are welcome.**

## Chandeleur - Crepe Party



In France, crêpes are traditionally served on Candlemas (*La Chandeleur*), February 2. This day was originally Virgin Mary's Blessing Day but became known as "avec Crêpe Day", referring to the tradition of offering crêpes. The belief was that if you could catch the crêpe with a frying pan after tossing it in the air with your left hand and holding a gold coin in your right hand, you would become rich that year.

**The crepes are soon to be made!!!**

**Date- Saturday February 25, 2012**

**Time 7:30 pm**

at the lovely home of Philippe and Marie-Laure Arnaud  
1990 Belair Court, Enclave Subdivision Mt. Pleasant

**\$25 per member, \$30 per guest**

**Wine- \$3 per glass or \$5 for two glasses**

**Make reservations by February 20, 2012**

**Contact Pat Caldwell at 843 556-8458 or caldpat@bellsouth.**



**CINE-CLUB: February 10, Auditorium of the Institute of Psychiatry at MUSC, 67 President Street, downtown at 7:00pm.**

**Admission is \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests.**

We will see **Les Emotifs Anonymes (Romantics Anonymous) 2010**, directed and co-written by Cannes Film Festival award winner Jean-Pierre Ameris. 80 minutes.

Isabelle Carre received a 2011 Cesar Nomination for Best Actress and the 2011 Prix Lumiere.

**A professional interest in chocolate lubricates the difficult first steps for two romantics suffering from social anxiety disorder (shyness) in "Romantics Anonymous," a delicious comedy-romance with a sweet-toothed twist from Cannes Film Festival award winner French director Jean-Pierre Ameris. Director not only uses his honest take on the protagonists' serious affliction as an obvious source of humor but also gently subverts the genre's basic template, as the biggest obstacle the leads need to overcome lies within themselves rather than in any plot contrivance.**

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**NOTE: The March Cine-Club will be SATURDAY March 10 at Park Circle where the Alliance is sponsoring the film "Le Havre", winner of the FIPRESCI Prize at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival and nominee for the Golden Palm. and nominee at the 2012 Oscars and Cesars.**

**Language Center**

**Beginner French taught by Anne-Laure Viellard** –Mondays at 8:00 am location 237-A Rutledge Avenue. For class information contact Anne-Laure Viellard at [al.vieillard@gmail.com](mailto:al.vieillard@gmail.com).

**Beginner French taught by Anne-Laure Viellard Tuesdays** at 9:30 am, location the Charleston Library Society French Room. For class information contact Anne-Laure Viellard at [al.vieillard@gmail.com](mailto:al.vieillard@gmail.com).

**French Around a Glass of Wine –Tuesday Evening Class held from 6:30-7:30 pm!!!** Classes are held at Marie-Laure Arnaud's home, 1990 Belair Court, Enclave Subdivision, and Mt. Pleasant. For class information contact Marie-Laure Arnaud at [marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com](mailto:marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com).

**Advanced Beginner taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud** –Classes are Tuesdays at 12:30pm at the Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, and Downtown. Curriculum: what you will learn- alphabet, numbers, colors, weather, name and address, frequently used verbs, phrases of introduction reading and grammar. For class information, email Marie-Laure at [marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com](mailto:marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com).

**Intermediate 1:30 pm and 230pm, taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud** –Classes are on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm and at 230pm at Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street, Downtown. What you will learn- build on what you have learned in beginner's

class, reading and grammar and learn everyday expressions to have a simple conversation about the house, garden, shopping, traveling and reading? For class information, email Marie-Laure at [marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com](mailto:marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com).

**Children's Class - La Petite École de l'Alliance Française de Charleston** meets from 9:30 am to 11 am on Saturdays at the Rabbit Hole, the Charleston Library Society, and 164 King Street, Charleston, SC, 29401. Saturday morning French classes are available for children (les Boutchous) ages 3 to 6 years. Please contact Dr. Katherine Galvagni, director of La Petite École, with any questions at 704.689.5216 or by email at [frenchschoolcharleston@gmail.com](mailto:frenchschoolcharleston@gmail.com).

Native and non-native speakers are welcome! Small class size offers a minimum of five students per class. Playful, interactive immersion classes are taught by a native French speaker. Contact Dr. Katherine Galvagni, director of La Petite École, [frenchschoolcharleston@gmail.com](mailto:frenchschoolcharleston@gmail.com). Also check out La Petite École's page at <http://www.afusa.org/af/charleston>.

**Private Lessons:** If you are interested in more intensive and specific instruction, we offer private classes tailored to your needs. The lesson rate is \$ 35.00 per hour for members only. Semi Private – 2 students the rate is \$40.00. For more information, contact Corinne Mills at [cgm\\_51@hotmail.com](mailto:cgm_51@hotmail.com) or Marie-Laure Arnaud at [marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com](mailto:marielaurearnaud@hotmail.com).

**Class Prices: Classes are for members only.** (Please join us if you are not yet a member!) The price is \$50.00 for four 1 hour class or \$15 per class. The class term is three months. Specialized classes are \$35.00 per student per class. Classes held for less than 3 students will be considered as semi-private classes at \$20.00n per student. Mail checks to Alliance Française de Charleston, Attn Corinne Mills, 1432 Wellesley Circle Mt Pleasant sc 29466.

**Wednesday February 1– Le Française par les jeux at 1pm.** Please contact Pat Caldwell via email [caldpat@bellsouth.net](mailto:caldpat@bellsouth.net) or tel. 843 556-8458 to confirm you are coming. The location is 29 Bainbridge Dr, Charlestowne Estates No 1, West Ashley. Learn French and French history, culture, geography etc. Learn and practice French through games! Play Taboo, Devine Tête, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble etc. RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or [caldpat@bellsouth.net](mailto:caldpat@bellsouth.net)

**Wednesdays February 8, 15, 22, and 29 –Autour de la table - Mercredi Groupe de Conversation** - Group meets for 1 hour of French discussion at 1 pm on Wednesdays Pat Caldwell's 29 Bainbridge Dr, Chas, 29407. Topics decided by those in attendance. **RSVP to Pat at 556-8458 or [caldpat@bellsouth.net](mailto:caldpat@bellsouth.net).**

**Saturday February 18 at 1pm Pause Café - Practice** your French for an hour. Mardi Gras theme and kings cake will be served!!! The group meets at 116 Limehouse Drive, Summerville 29485, near Applebee on Trolley Road in Summerville. RSVP to Dr. Lisette Luton via email at [mluton@csuniv.edu](mailto:mluton@csuniv.edu) or tel. 821-1928. Are you interested in a French conversation group in Summerville? Pause Café will allow people to speak French in a relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee and cookies. **Children are welcome to attend the Pause Café in Summerville with their parents. (Cookies are served.)**

**Monday February 13 Rendez Vous L'heure de Conversation.** This month we will have L'heure de Conversation at O'Hara and Flynn at 225 Meeting St, Downtown from 7:00 pm -8:00 pm. RSVP to Pat Caldwell at [caldpat@bellsouth.net](mailto:caldpat@bellsouth.net) or 843 556-8458. Meet other Francophiles from the Charleston area. Enjoy mingling with others en français. Everyone will practice at his/her level. Wine and menu are available.

## Alliance Library

**Friday February 24 at 7:30 pm - Le Cercle Littéraire** The literary group will meet at 7:30pm at Rita Parideck's home. All are welcome; you choose the book you feel like reading. It can 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](mailto:codronb@cofc.edu) or 843 766-2673.

## Cultural

**Thursday- February 16 Evening Bridge at 630pm** will be at Mary and David Daniels hosted by Lesy and Lois . The session is limited. Contact Tony Bassett at [Tony3541@gmail.com](mailto:Tony3541@gmail.com) for the confirmed date, time, location and information.

**Monday- February 27 Tricot Group will meet from 2-4pm at Charleston Library Society..** Those of you who are interested for this month's meeting phone or e-mail Alma for if you can come. They meet at the Charleston Library Society, 164 King Street - limited parking behind the library permitted for the duration of library visit. 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! Contact: Alma Brown at [almab@bellsouth.net](mailto:almab@bellsouth.net) or 843 243-9888 for meeting details.

**Sunday–February 26 at 2pm –Petanque** weather permitting- RSVP to Corinne Mills at [cgm\\_51@hotmail.com](mailto:cgm_51@hotmail.com) or 843 817-4967. Meet at Hampton Park at 2pm by the Gazebo. All are invited from novice to expert. We

provide the “boules”.

## Workshops

**Sunday March 4 Cooking Class at 6:30pm at Marie-Laure’s. No February Cooking Class** - Classes are \$25 per member and \$30 per guest. Cooking Classes are held at 6:30 pm. Call Marie at 843 884-5228 or email [MarieLaureArnaud@hotmail.com](mailto:MarieLaureArnaud@hotmail.com). Demonstration and Participation class with mini dinner plate tasting. Registration Information: Where: 1990 Belair Court, Enclave Subdivision, Mt Pleasant. Who: Taught by Marie-Laure Arnaud.

## Other Francophone Activities in the community and state

**Friday ~ Sunday, Feb. 3 ~ 5, 2012, 8th Annual French Film Festival at Strand Cinema, Georgetown** Co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Coastal Carolina University and Strand Cinema, In French with English Subtitles. Admission: \$3.00 for OLLI Members & Strand Cinema Founding Members \$5.00 for General Public. *For more information, visit [StrandCinema.org](http://StrandCinema.org) or 843-527-2924.* Friday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m. “L’Affaire Farewell”(Farewell, 2009) Saturday, Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m. “Le Nom des Gens”(The Names of Love, 2010) Best French Film of the Year Nominee at the 2011 Césars Awards. Saturday, Feb. 4, 1 p.m. “La Tete en Friche”(My Afternoons with Margueritte, 2010) Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m. “Nannerl, La Soeur de Mozart”(Mozart’s Sister, 2010) Written, directed and produced by René Féret, Mozart’s Sister. See attachment for more information.

**Saturday February 4, 2012, 6:30 pm Mardi Gras Royal Bal Masque MMXII – Midnight Royal Court presented at 8:00pm, Gaillard Municipal Auditorium.** Established in 2009, the Krewe of Charleston is the only Mardi Gras Krewe on the East Coast. To purchase Tickets to Royal Bal Masque MMXII call (843) 437-1519.

**Sunday afternoon (February 5)** from 2 to 5pm Bette Mueller-Roemer, member, will be showing her handmade Journals and poem books at Blue Bicycle Books, 20 King Street

### Thursday February 9, 7pm – 8pm

Chanson! with Margaret Kelly Cook! Just in time for Valentine's Day, enjoy a night of French chanson featuring Margaret Kelly Cook and special guests Jennifer Luiken and Wayne Helmlly. Unedited Single ticket \$15.00 for more information contact Charleston Library Society at [www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org](http://www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org) or 1.888.718.4253.

**Friday February 10 and Sunday February 12 in Columbia SC.** Le Club Théâtre de l’Alliance Française de Columbia présente Une Soirée Théâtre de Boulevard Le Commissaire est bon enfant & Les Boulingrin de Georges COURTELINE suivis de Hortense a dit: de Georges FEYDEAU. Friday, February 10 at 7 PM & Sunday, February 12 at 2 PM at Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main Street. There will be a cash bar for Fri., Feb. 10 performance. Free & in French! Information: [www.afcolumbia.org](http://www.afcolumbia.org) or [secretaire@afcolumbia.org](mailto:secretaire@afcolumbia.org).

**Friday February 10 Heritage Quebec/Canadian Night at SC Stingrays, tickets \$12, time 7pm.** Alliance members if you go, please contact George at 843.744.2248 ext. 1214 or email at [Geconomos@stingrayshockey.com](mailto:Geconomos@stingrayshockey.com).

**Membership Dues - Membership Renewal began in September. You can send in your dues now if you have not already. Thank you for your support and participation.**

Your membership is vital to carrying out the many French programs and social opportunities provided through our alliance. Membership is essential to our success. Please see the membership form on our website, print, complete and return your membership 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.

### Annual Membership Dues

Family Membership \$60.00

Individual Membership \$35.00

Academic Membership \$25.00

(Limited to Teachers of French and students –under 25 years old)

Patron Membership \$500.00

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