

alliance française
french film
festival
celebrating 10 years

education at the festival



general info pack



www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz

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RETURNING TO NEW ZEALAND!

17 February - 13 April 2016

“Learning a foreign language not only reveals how other societies think and feel, what they have experienced and value, and how they express themselves, it also provides a cultural mirror in which we can more clearly see our own society.”

— CHANCELLOR EDWARD LEE GORUSCH

*“Language is the road map of a culture.
It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.”*

— RITA MAE BROWN



the 2016 festival

The **Alliance Française French Film Festival** is the **foremost French cultural event** and the **second largest film festival** in New Zealand.

It is one of the biggest French film festivals outside of France and a diverse showcase of the best of contemporary French language cinema, brought directly to cinema screens in twelve cities around the country.

2016 will feature another ambitious film selection with a mixture of festival favourites and crowd-pleasers, alongside spectacular animation.

The full film selection will be available from screening venues and on the festival website from 28 January 2016.

New Zealanders have illustrated a love affair with French cinema and we are proud to continue bringing you the very best France has to offer.

the alliance française

The festival is the ideal way of fulfilling the **Alliance Française** Network's missions.

The Alliance Française is a worldwide, not-for-profit network of associations dedicated to the **promotion of French language and culture abroad**. The first Alliance Française was founded in Paris in 1883. There are now 800+ Alliance Française organisations worldwide including 10 in New Zealand, all offering social and cultural activities, with 7 of them (in Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Nelson, Palmerston North and Wellington) also providing French language classes.

The Alliance Française maintains strong ties and implements quality cooperation with local cultural and educational institutions. They work closely with the Cultural Service of the French Embassy to schedule linguistic and artistic programming.

FIND YOUR LOCAL ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

www.alliancefr.org.nz



a sneak preview: “all for nature”

The four selected titles celebrate nature, its beauty and the importance of preserving it.

APRIL & THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD - AVRIL ET LE MONDE TRUQUÉ



FOR AGES 10+

DIRECTORS: Franck Ekinchi, Christian Desmares
VOICES OF: Marion Cotillard, Philippe Katerine, Jean Rochefort, Olivier Gourmet, Bouli Lanners

DURATION: 105 min
GENRE: Animation
RATING: NZ rating TBC

“The film (...) is the rare toon that leaves kids inspired not to buy toys, but to make the world a better place”

– Variety

Drawn by acclaimed French cartoonist Tardi, this jewel of animation and script-writing follows April in her quest to save the world. Paris, 1941, society relies on coal and steam as all great scientists have disappeared. April, daughter of two missing researchers, together with talking cat Darwin, young rascal Julius and Pops, will try to find the people responsible for these kidnappings.

YELLOWBIRD - GUS, PETIT OISEAU, GRAND VOYAGE



FOR ALL AGES

DIRECTOR: Christian de Vita
VOICES OF: Sara Forestier, Pierre Richard, Bruno Salomone

DURATION: 90 min
GENRE: Animation
RATING: NZ rating TBC

“Stylised, colourful and truly funny”

– Télérama

Gus is a young and fearful yellowbird whose encounter with dying migrating bird Darius will change the course of his life. In this tale of friendship and courage, Gus will have to lead a group of fellow winged heroes to Africa, avoiding “iron birds” and other ecological threats.

For more information, check out our website: www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz

All films are in French with English subtitles.
The full film selection will be announced on 28 January 2016.

BELLE & SEBASTIAN, THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES - BELLE ET SÉBASTIEN, L'AVENTURE CONTINUE

DIRECTOR: Christian Duguay
WITH: Félix Bossuet, Tchéky Karyo,
Margaux Chatelier, Urbain Chancelier,
Thierry Neuvic

DURATION: 99 min
GENRE: Adventure
RATING: NZ rating TBC

Sequel to our 2014 box-office
smash hit.



FOR ALL AGES

In a small alpine village, everyone is celebrating the end of the war. Sebastian and his faithful companion Belle are eagerly waiting for Angelina to come back, but she has gone missing in a plane crash in the heart of the forest. The pair will go on a thrilling adventure to save the young woman...

ONCE UPON A FOREST - IL ÉTAIT UNE FORÊT

DIRECTOR: Luc Jacquet
NARRATOR: Francis Hallé

DURATION: 78 min
GENRE: Documentary
RATING: NZ rating TBC

*"A visually exquisite exploration of
the world above and below the forest
canopy"*

— The Hollywood Reporter



HIGH SCHOOL AND UNI STUDENTS

Once Upon A Forest is Luc Jacquet's follow-up to his Oscar® winning hit, *March Of The Penguins*. Using ultra-powerful telephoto and macro lenses, breathtaking aerial shots and delicate animation, Jacquet, together with botanist Francis Hallé, offers a rare look at the wonders of the rainforest.

At the time of publication, these films have not yet been rated. Please enquire at education@frenchfilmfestival.co.nz if you have any questions relating to the content of the films.

reasons to attend

In our increasingly globalised world, learning languages is important for many reasons – it expands cultural horizons, breaks down barriers and increases opportunities for young people interested in living or working abroad. In addition, studies have shown that learning a foreign language can improve memory, brain power and use of English. And what better medium than film to learn a language?

Reasons to attend films at the **Alliance Française French Film Festival 2016:**

- Detailed course outlines for all Education Outreach films will be available to download free of charge, from the official festival website **www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz** from 28 January 2016. These outlines will provide a framework for how further learning can take place.
- Exposes students to French language in context and real-life conversations, and increases their ability to cope with accents.
- Provokes discussion, assisting students to develop critical thinking and language skills. Foreign film is a powerful catalyst to facilitate discussions, to teach international events, global finance, cross-cultural affairs and multi-disciplinary subjects.
- Offers diverse cultural experiences through a wide range of films and genres.
- Ensures learning is enjoyable, and extended outside the classroom.
- Creates immediate and culturally relevant context for French language study in New Zealand, linking schools and universities with the wider community.



how to book

BEFORE TICKETS GO ON SALE (Before 28 January 2016)

1. Choose a film that appeals. Please use this information pack for a sneak preview of the 2016 programme. The full festival programme will be released on 28 January 2016.
2. Contact **education@frenchfilmfestival.co.nz** to make a request about the date and time that would best suit you. The festival team will then liaise with the required venue to try to accommodate the requests or suggest another time that works. Early booking enquiries are strongly recommended.

AFTER TICKETS GO ON SALE (After 28 January 2016)

1. Choose a film that appeals. Please use this information pack for a sneak preview of the 2016 programme, or refer to the full programme at **www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz**
2. Contact your local cinema to make booking arrangements.
3. The cinema will contact festival staff if further negotiations need to take place.

ticket pricing

Different ticket pricing applies at each venue.

Check with your local cinema or enquire at education@frenchfilmfestival.co.nz for more information.





dates and venues

WELLINGTON (17 FEB - 6 MARCH)

Embassy Theatre

10 Kent Terrace

Tel: (04) 384 7657

www.deluxe.co.nz

AUCKLAND (25 FEB - 13 MARCH)

Rialto Cinemas Newmarket

167-169 Broadway

Newmarket

Tel: (09) 523 2006

www.rialto.co.nz

AUCKLAND (26 FEB - 13 MARCH)

Berkeley Cinemas Takapuna

34 Anzac Street

Takapuna

Tel: (09) 488 6000

www.hoyts.co.nz

CHRISTCHURCH (3 - 20 MARCH)

Hoyts Northlands

Northlands Shopping Centre

55 Main North Road, Papanui

Tel: 0508 446 987

www.hoyts.co.nz

TIMARU (3 - 20 MARCH)

Movie Max Digital

Cnr Sophia and Canon Streets

Tel: (03) 684 6975

Movie Info: (03) 684 6987

www.moviemaxdigital.co.nz

NELSON (9 - 20 MARCH)

State Cinemas

91 Trafalgar Street

Tel: (03) 548 3885

www.statecinemas.co.nz

NEW PLYMOUTH (10 - 20 MARCH)

Event Cinemas

119 - 125 Devon St East

Tel: (06) 759 9077

www.eventcinemas.co.nz

TAURANGA (10 - 20 MARCH)

Rialto Cinemas

Level 1, Goddard Centre

21 Devonport Road

Tel: (07) 577 0445

www.rialtotauranga.co.nz

ARROWTOWN (17 - 27 MARCH)

Dorothy Browns

18 Buckingham Street

Tel: (03) 442 1964

www.dorothybrowns.com

PALMERSTON NORTH (23 MARCH - 3 APRIL)

Cinema Gold

Downtown Complex, 70 Broadway Av

Tel: (06) 353 1902

<http://pn.cinemagold.co.nz>

HAMILTON (24 MARCH - 13 APRIL)

Lido Cinema

The Balcony, Centre Place

501 Victoria Street

Tel: (07) 838 9010

www.lidocinema.co.nz

HAVELOCK NORTH (30 MARCH - 10 APRIL)

Cinema Gold

11 Joll Road

Tel: (06) 877 9016

www.cinemagold.co.nz

DUNEDIN (31 MARCH - 10 APRIL)

Rialto Cinemas Dunedin

11 Moray Place

Tel: (03) 474 2200

www.rialto.co.nz

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