# Flash Info

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# Editorial

Dear students, members, partners and friends as well as our own staff, we are happy to introduce the first issue of our monthly Flash Info, where you will find information about all our forthcoming events and everything new and exciting in the life of Alliance Française de Cork as well as associated cultural projects in Cork supported by the French Embassy.

We are delighted to welcome to Cork our new director Hélène DUQUIN who joined us at the Alliance in September 2006. Hélène is delighted to take up this post in Cork on behalf of the French Foreign Office. She is very pro-European and was attracted to our city which last year was honoured with the title European Capital of Culture 2005.

Our new season of French Courses for all levels has just reopened. We endeavour to make learning French both fun and educational. We aim to develop an ear for the language while offering an enjoyable experience in a stimulating learning environment with French native teachers.

This month we are delighted to welcome to our Galerie two very fine artists: Gregory VALTON from PARIS and Fiona ARNOLD, DUBLIN.

Feel most welcome to join our Médiatheque where you can have access to a wide and constantly updated collection of French DVDs, videos, CDROMs, books, graphic novels, newspapers and magazines (Le Monde, Les Figaro Magazines, Paris Match, l'Express, etc. ...)

Nous adressons toutes nos plus vives félicitations au **Dr. Grace NEVILLE** pour sa nomination le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 2006 à la tête du Département de Français de l'University College Cork.

Bonne rentrée à tous !

Nora CALLANAN Présidente



Nora CALLANAN, our President welcoming our new Director Hélène DUQUIN



#### **LENDEMAINS**

A photographic exhibition by

### **Gregory VALTON**

French fine art photographer

At the Alliance Française Galerie 4 October 2006 - 25 October 2006 Official Opening 4 October 6.00 p.m. by Harry MOORE Photographer and Lecturer St John's College CORK

For more information contact reception alliancefrancaisecork@eircom.net

Lendemains is a long term project on Serbia and Montenegro which is supported by the French Cultural Centre in Belgrade. The photographs presented here were taken during 3 trips between 2003 and 2005.

Gregory Valton is a fine art photographer living and working in Paris, his work looks at landscape and its deeper meaning.



## Au-delà des façades

A photographic exhibition by

## Fiona ARNOLD

Irish artist

At the Alliance Française Galerie 25 October 2006 - 15 November 2006 Official Opening 24 October 6.00 p.m. by Serge FRANÇOIS Cultural Attaché French Embassy in DUBLIN

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This exhibition is mainly featuring the beautifully proportioned houses in Arles and Toulon in the South of France and in Paris which has so many visual delights to offer.

Fiona has worked as a painter/illustrator, mural artist and screen-printer on fabric, in Dublin, London and Lyon over the past 25 years.



#### TAILOR-MADE TUITION FOR COMPANIES

We organize tailor-made language programmes at Alliance Française or on site for our corporate clients These are designed to adapt to your company's requirements: group classes or one to one tuition.

Our Director Hélène DUQUIN will be delighted to visit your company to discuss with you and design a programme to suit your company's objectives.



French for Business, Tourism or Law on one-to-one Tuition

Please contact our Director Hélène DUQUIN at <u>afdirector@eircom.ie</u> to discuss your requirements, we will be delighted to assist you in any way we can.



Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm Sat: 9.30am - 4pm (closed for lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)





#### FRENCH TUITION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### New Term. Our new season of French courses in Cork primary schools is starting this month.

If you want to set up a class, whether you have a group organised or just think it would be a good idea, whether you are Principal of a school, member of a Parent's Association or simply a parent, just contact us. Our courses are open to children from Junior Infant to 6th class and can take place on any day of the week, during or after school hours in your local Primary School. We endeavour to make learning French both fun and educational. We aim to develop an ear for the language and offer an enjoyable experience in a stimulating learning environment.

For more information, please contact <u>afdirector@eircom.ie</u> Alliance Française 36 Mary Street, Cork or visit our website www.alliancefrancaisecork.com



#### LATEST ADDITIONS

Our Médiathèque Française is open for members and general public from Monday to Saturday Feel welcome any time Here are some of the new titles : Dance CD ROMS

AFFA France Dance Vol.2 & 3

#### Cinema

Musique Jeunes en Europe Class EU ROCK René Chateau Le Mouton à cinq Pattes René Chateau Ni vu ni connu

Cinema enfants Michel Manini Bonne nuit les petits Kennedy Mille Babe Jacques Perrin Microcosmos Rogers Hammerstein La Mélodie du Bonheur Le Vilain Petit Canard Les Histoires du Père Castor

Literature Christine Jérusalem Jean ECHENOZ Michael Foessel - Olivier Mongin Paul RICOEUR Catherine Bouthors-Paillart Julia KRISTEVA Mireille CALLE-GRUBER Assia DJEBAR

#### <u>Scrabble</u>

Everybody can play scrabble, but playing the game in a foreign language can be a challenge. Can we all spell the words that we know? In a relaxed and entertaining way, the Alliance Française is organising a free scrabble evening. The scrabble evening will take place Thursday 26 October 2006 from 7pm to 8.30pm. If you are interested, please register at the secretariat of the Alliance.

#### <u>Café Débat</u>

With a warm drink and some cakes, let's gather and discuss about the world, French culture, French political life, French literature... A great way of keeping your knowledge of French active and alive. Our Café débat is open to everybody who already has some mastery of French. In a relaxed atmosphere, you will be able to converse in French. Our first free Café Débat will take place Monday 23 October from 12-13.30. Please register beforehand at the secretariat of the Alliance.

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