

Monthly newsletter for the Alliance Française Cork and the Cultural Service of the French Embassy
La lettre mensuelle de l'Alliance Française de Cork et du Service Culturel de l'Ambassade de France

Festival HIGHLIGHTS

OPENING FILM THURSDAY
1st MARCH 7PM – GATE CINEMA
Early booking recommended

Paris Je t'Aime

Producer: Claudie Ossard
NB Producer Claudie Ossard (Amélie, Betty Blue, Delicatessen) will be present to introduce the film and officially open the festival.

CLOSING FILM FRIDAY
9th MARCH 7pm, GATE CINEMA
Early booking recommended

The Science of Sleep

Director: Michel Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind")

AUDIO VISUAL EVENT – TRISKEL,
early booking advised

3epkano, Live musical accompaniment to classic silent films

Sat 3rd March 2007 8pm

Le Sang d'un Poète – Jean Cocteau and others...

Superb night guaranteed !

Coup de Torchon Gate Cinema

Director: Bertrand Tavernier
Sat 3rd at 4.30pm

This screening is a tribute to the late Philippe Noiret 1930 - 2006

JEAN COCTEAU's,

La belle et la bête Gate Cinema,

Sun 4th March at 4pm

Special Screening to celebrate 60th anniversary of Alliance Française in Cork.

Tony Tracey of Heuston Film School will present the film in the presence of our worldwide President Jean-Pierre de Launoit, Stephan Chomant, General Secretary Jean Cocteau Committee, Minister John O'Donoghue invited to attend.

Closing Party , Triskel

Fri 9th March 9.30 pm (late bar)

Gangpol & Mit – Sonic and Visual in Love Jim Plugd (Plugd Records)

These two French men are out of this world so they've created their own little galaxy somewhere far, far... from Paris...

Education programme at Gate three superb specially selected films - **Le Grand Voyage, L'Enfant** and **Strange Shorts**. Early booking advised. For education pack contact Alliance office at 021 4310677

Call us or visit our website for further information

www.corkfrenchfilmfestival.com



Hélène Duquin, Director, Président Jean-Pierre de Launoit, President of Alliance Française Worldwide Network, Nora Callanan, President at the recent Colloquie of Alliance Française in Paris, January 2007



Over the years the Cork French Film Festival has become an established and much loved event in the Cork Cultural calendar so it is with great pleasure that Jean-Pierre DE LAUNOIT, President of the worldwide network of Alliance Française, joins us to present our 2007 programme supported by our title sponsor Carte Noire.

The presence of the acclaimed director Bertrand Tavernier at last year's Festival is a hard act to follow, however, with a much expanded programme, two venues and a host of guests, the Festival in its 18th year has come of age.

Paul CALLANAN this year's Festival Curator has brought a new energy and new elements to the Festival with an exciting and diverse selection of the best of French cinema: 35mm feature films, documentaries, short films, African fiction, workshops and audiovisual events.

Amongst this year's highlights are, opening film *Paris Je t'Aime*, featuring an à la carte menu of short films by some of the finest directors at work today including the Cohen Brothers, Gus Van Sant, Walter Salles and even Gérard DEPARDIEU. We are particularly delighted to welcome the film's Producer Claudie OSSARD (*Amélie, Betty Blue, Delicatessen*) to officially launch the Festival.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of our Alliance Française here in Cork, we screen Jean COCTEAU's classic *La Belle et La Bête*, produced all of 60 years ago and considered one of the finest films of all time!

We are deeply honoured to have our Festival placed under the High Patronage of Pierre BERGE, Président du Comité Jean COCTEAU et Président de la Fondation Pierre BERGE Yves SAINT-LAURENT in Paris.

We thank our title sponsor Carte Noire, French Embassy, Arts Council and Cork City Council and all our sponsors for so generously supporting this Festival.

Special thanks to the Festival Curator Paul CALLANAN for producing such a vibrant and engaging programme.

Now it is over to you to make your selection so that this year's Festival shall remain an unforgettable cinematic experience.

Nora CALLANAN - President & Festival Director- Alliance Française de Cork
Hélène DUQUIN - Director & Festival Manager- Alliance Française de Cork



CONGRATULATIONS to

James O'Flynn
UCC student

who successfully completed preliminary rounds in Cork, qualified for the finals and is going to PARIS on ALL EXPENSES-PAID WEEK to represent CORK and indeed IRELAND on the French television programme !

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all brave participants!

SHAN SA READINGS

Conference. Shan Sa is a prominent Francophone novelist, born in China in 1972. At only seven years old she decided to devote herself to writing and five years later, she won First Price at the National Children Poetry Contest in China.

Terrified by the events of Tian An Men in 1989, she left her country for Paris.

There she studied philosophy, published six novels in French and won the Prix Goncourt gaining critical acclaim worldwide. Two of her novels have been translated into English and are the subject of major movie productions.

Shan Sa will give two readings in the framework of the EIGSE 2007 Literature Festival in Cork :
- French reading on Thursday 22 February, 4pm in University College Cork.
- English reading on Saturday 24 February, 9pm at the Triskel Art Centre, Cork.

Eigse Literature Festival
www.munsterlit.ie

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 :

CDs enfants :

J'apprends à lire

Qui veut combattre le géant ?
(Magazine + CD)

Magazines Jeunesse:

DLire

Un Roman fantastique :
Le reflet de l'améthyste

Literature

Gisèle FREUND

Trois jours avec Joyce

Francois DUBOISSET et

Frédéric VIARD

Le Rugby pour les nuls

Albert JACQUARD

Tentatives de Lucidité

Albert JACQUARD

Mon Utopie



Office Hours:

Mon & Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm

Tues-Thurs : 9.30-20.45

Sat: 9.30am - 4pm

(closed for lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Event Alert! Dates for your diary 2007

Georges DUQUIN, former French Ambassador & graduate of l'École Nationale d'Administration (ENA), will deliver a lecture on *L'ENA et la Formation des Elites en France*, Thursday 22nd February 2007, French Department UCC, ORB 1.24, 12:30 – 2pm. All more than welcome!

2007 Valentine customized Alliance Française de Cork Calendar still on sale this month – special price 5 €! A special limited edition keepsake for the 60th anniversary celebrations of Alliance Française de Cork.



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