



# La Trompette

Septembre 2024

## MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

I had the opportunity to spend a mini vacation in Canada last week and I was reminded how lucky we are to have a francophone neighbor. It was a delight to see bilingual signs everywhere and to even chat with the border agent in French! Yes, Canadian French may sound different and even have different terms and expressions, but this is what characterizes francophone cultures. They are all unique in their own way, with a distinct history and evolution, but they are united by the same origins and love for the French language. There are over fifty countries in the world where French is spoken and they are all as unique and amazing places to visit and discover. Where will you go next?

We hope to see you all at our Season Opener Reception, September 15th! Please remember to renew your membership for the 2024-2025 season if you have not done so yet, and take advantage of our special member pricing for events as well as all free upcoming activities.

Our calendar is filling up quickly. All details are in this issue of La Trompette as well as on our website.

A bientôt, j'espère.  
Amal Elhosni

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your AFGP membership! The 2024-2025 season starts September 1st. Your membership allows us to continue offering free or reduced fee programs and helps us continue our mission to promote the French language and culture. AF Grosse Pointe members are privy to exclusive events and outings and special ticket pricing.

**Renewing your membership is an easy and secure online process:**

<https://afdegrossepointe.org/membership/>

If you would rather renew your membership by regular mail, please find a membership form attached to this issue of La Trompette.

## ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR / UPCOMING EVENTS

### *SEASON OPENER RECEPTION*



**You are invited to our Annual Season Opener**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024  
6-9 PM**

**At the home of Dr. Ann McReynolds and Dr. Rudy Menchl  
751 Berkshire Rd, Grosse Pointe Park**

**Let's welcome the 2024-2025 season together with a cheer! Join us for refreshments, good food and great company.**

**Invite a friend! We're looking forward to seeing you.**

**Purchase your tickets online at [www.afdegrossepointe.org](http://www.afdegrossepointe.org)  
or by mail with the form attached to the Trompette.**

### **AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP**

No matter your level of French, you are welcome to attend our monthly French conversation group. This is free, and you don't have to be a member to attend. Join us for dinner or a drink and good conversation "en français". We are meeting at Village Grill in Grosse Pointe Park in our favorite private area. For information: [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com), or email [afgpeducation@gmail.com](mailto:afgpeducation@gmail.com). RSVP is necessary at [Meetup](https://www.meetup.com).

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, @ 6:00PM  
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, @ 6:00PM**

**Village Grill  
16930 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230**

## CINE CLUB

Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods Branch  
20680 Mack Ave., GP Woods, 48236



Attend one of our monthly French film screenings at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Films are in French with English subtitles, and are followed by a discussion in English. Ciné Club is a free event and open to the community at large.

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 1:45 PM**

### L'HISTOIRE D'ADELE H

The Story of Adele H (1976) - Directed by François Truffaut.

Adèle Hugo (Isabella Adjani), daughter of renowned French writer Victor Hugo, falls in love with British soldier Albert Pinson (Bruce Robinson) while living in exile off the coast of England. Unfortunately for Adèle, the passion is one sided.

**Saturday, Oct. 12, 1:45 PM**

### DIVERTIMENTO

Musical/Drama (2022) - Directed by Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar

Zahia Ziouani (Oulaya Amamra) dreams of becoming a conductor, while her twin sister Fettouma (Lima El Arabi) hopes to be a professional cellist. They want to make classical music accessible to everyone and create their own orchestra. Based on a true story.

## CERCLE DE LECTURE / BOOK CLUB

Notre groupe de lecture se réunit toujours mensuellement et discute d'une œuvre sélectionnée par nos membres. Les prochaines réunions se tiendront le:

**7 septembre: La Tresse** de Laetitia Colombani

**19 octobre: Vivre Vite** de Brigitte Giraud (Sélection 2024 de la Fédération AF-USA)



Pour plus d'informations concernant le Cercle de Lecture, prière de nous contacter [alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com](mailto:alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com)

## FRENCH CULTURAL EVENT IN DETROIT

**Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 PM**

Join us for a lecture at the DIA followed by dinner on October 9, 2024. Dr. Laurent Salomé, Director of the National Museum of Versailles Palace and Trianon, will be giving the 2024 [Dr. Coleman Mopper Memorial Lecture](#) at the DIA at 5:30 pm on October 9, 2024. AFGP has reserved a block of 14 tickets to the lecture followed by dinner reservations at [Baobab Fare](#), an East African restaurant founded by refugees from Burundi. Tickets to the lecture are free of charge, and guests will order and pay for their own meal at dinner. This event is limited to 14 people. Attendees will meet in the lecture hall at the DIA. To reserve or for additional information, contact [afgpeducation@gmail.com](mailto:afgpeducation@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

Thurs., Nov. 21, 2024

### Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration

6:30-9:30 pm

Assumption Cultural Center

21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores

Tues., Dec. 10, 2024

### Fête de Noël

6:30-9:30 pm

Tompkins Community Center

14920 Windmill Pointe Dr. GP Park MI 48230



## FRENCH CLASSES

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe is revamping its French education program for the upcoming season. We are closely working with our partners to ensure we offer new and improved French classes and a curriculum set according to the standards of the Federation of Alliance Française-USA.

The classes will still be offered at Assumption Cultural Center and we are hoping for a late September/early October start date. Dates and levels will be posted on our website as soon as we finalize our plans. We will also notify our members with a special mailing. We thank you for your patience and know you are looking forward to improving your French skills with us.

## SOME OF OUR FAVORITE FRENCH PODCASTS

How do you stay motivated while exercising or stay calm during rush hour traffic? We suggest listening to podcasts! Podcasts stimulate different parts of the brain, forcing us to actively listen, especially since it's usually a topic we are truly interested in. Every month we'll introduce some of our favorite French podcasts:

[Coffee Break French](#) - for language learners, beginners to advanced. The point of the podcast is that you should be able to listen to one within the time it takes for a coffee break, which is about half an hour. The podcast has many seasons, and it gets more advanced as you go along, starting with *bonjour* and ending with the trickiest aspects of the French language.

[InnerFrench](#) - for intermediate learners to advanced learners. Hugo hosts this popular podcast which focuses each episode on a different topic that is always well researched and presented in a clear, articulate manner at a speed that is manageable for intermediate learners. What's more, transcripts are available for these podcasts. Hugo also hosts some great videos on his Youtube channel.

[Transfert](#) - for advanced learners and francophones. A French podcast by [Slate.fr](#) that features true, intimate stories from various anonymous storytellers. The listener steps into their shoes for the length of an episode, between 20 minutes and an hour, in an intimate audio experience – compelling stories that can be ordinary or extraordinary.



**Membership Application 2024-2025**  
(Postal Mail Form)

**Name(s)** (as you would like it /them to appear in the AFGP Membership Directory):

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr.      \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs.      \_\_\_\_\_ Ms.      \_\_\_\_\_ Dr.      Other \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Status:**    \_\_\_\_\_ New Member(s)    \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal    \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member(s)

**Mailing address:** Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERESTS**

What activities would interest you the most with the Alliance Française?

\_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Events      \_\_\_\_\_ French Conversation      \_\_\_\_\_ Entertainment  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lectures in English      \_\_\_\_\_ French Film      \_\_\_\_\_ Cooking  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lectures in French      \_\_\_\_\_ Group Outings      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to help or to serve on any of the following committees?

\_\_\_\_\_ Education      \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Writing and Publication  
\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity      \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Events (Bastille Day, Beaujolais Nouveau, Fête de Noël...)

For any additional comments or suggestions, please use back of this form.

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (Membership period: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025). Please check one:**

\_\_\_ Individual \$50.00/year      \_\_\_ Family \$75.00/year      \_\_\_ Patron \$150.00/year  
\_\_\_ AFGP Student \$35.00/year      \_\_\_ College Student \$35.00/year      \_\_\_ High School Student \$25/year

Please note that our monthly newsletter, La Trompette, is mailed electronically to all members and is available on our website [afdegrossepointe.org](http://afdegrossepointe.org)

It is mailed only to members with no access to internet. Thank you for helping us cut costs and save trees!

**PAYMENT:**

Checks are payable to ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE GROSSE POINTE  
Completed Application/Renewal Form and check should be mailed to:

**Thomas Jones II, Membership Chair**  
**679 Westchester Rd. Grosse Pointe Park, Mi 48230**



*Invites you to join us our*

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Or mail the stub below with your check **by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Check payable to Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

Mail to: AF Grosse Pointe, 751 Berkshire Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

**Don't forget to renew your AFGP membership and take advantage of special event pricing!**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 2024-2025 members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 each = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_