



# La Trompette

Mars 2025

## NOTE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Chers membres de AF Grosse Pointe,

March is Francophonie month, and our chapter kicked off the season with Carmen in late February. Over twenty members and friends met up at the DSO and enjoyed a Sunday afternoon together. Our annual feather bowling outing was great fun this past Monday, and we benefited from special tips and lessons of two league champions. Feather bowling is an old Belgian traditional game brought to the US by immigrants in the early 1900s. We will continue our Francophonie journey with virtual experiences. Don't miss the Filles du Roi presentation we helped secure for the whole federation, coming up March 12 (details below). Some of you will remember the reenactment four our members put together a few years ago, when they portrayed different experiences of the Daughters of the King. If you are like me, you are probably looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor activities. Look for the signs and you will find them. Spring will be here soon! I leave you with an excerpt of an Alfred Musset poem for inspiration:

MARS

Ah! Que Mars est un joli mois!  
C'est le mois des surprises,  
Du mation au soir dans les bois  
Tout change avec les brises

Le ruisseau n'est plus engourdi;  
La terre n'est plus dure  
le vent qui souffle du midi  
Prépare la verdure.

Joyeux printemps,

Amal Elhosni

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## ÉVÈNEMENTS À VENIR



### CERCLE DE LECTURE

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

Le 12 avril: **Houris**, de Kamel Daoud

Le 17 mai: **Les liaisons dangereuses**, de Pierre Choderlos de Laclos (se joue à Stratford, été 2025)

**Pour plus d'informations concernant le Cercle de Lecture, prière de nous contacter**

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## **AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP**

**Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

**Village Grill**

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

Join us for dinner, drinks, and good conversation “en français” at our usual hangout! The conversation meetups are free and open to non-members as well (pay for your own food and drink).

Follow the direct link for more information and please remember to RSVP so we can make sure we have the proper arrangements with the restaurant.

[https://www.meetup.com/french-conversation-with-alliance-francaise-de-grosse-pointe/?eventOrigin=event\\_home\\_page](https://www.meetup.com/french-conversation-with-alliance-francaise-de-grosse-pointe/?eventOrigin=event_home_page)

**Nos niveaux de langue française varient largement, donc n'hésitez pas à nous rejoindre, du moment que vous essayez de garder la conversation en français.**

## **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, March 15th, at 1:30 PM**

### **MA FAMILLE ET LE LOUP (2018)**

Director: Adria Gracia

Fiction, All Audiences, Adventure

Running Time: 1h25m

Everybody is gathered to celebrate Granny Sara's 80th birthday at the seaside family house. It's a beautiful summer for 9 years old Hugo. However, this year Granny Sara has fallen ill. One night, she brings together the family to tell the story of the Wolf. Someday the animal will come and take her away forever. Will Hugo manage to protect his grandma from the mysterious beast?

This film is appropriate for all ages.

**Saturday, April 26th, at 1:30 PM**

### **LES PROMESSES (2021)**

Director: Thomas Kruithof

Thriller/Political drama/fiction

Starring: Isabelle Huppert

Running time: 1h38m

A former doctor turned mayor of an impoverished town on the outskirts of Paris, is now reaching the end of her political career. She is fearless, decent and respectable; though when faced with an offer to become a government minister her selfless principles and conscience are in conflict.

## **FRENCH CLASSES WITH THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE**

The AF Detroit/French Institute is offering their Spring session, starting April 15th, 2025 at assumption Cultural Center. Current 2024-2025 membership to AF Grosse Pointe is required in order to register, and our students benefit from AF Detroit discounted members' pricing to all their events as well. Don't miss the early bird pricing ending March 23rd.

For more information about class schedule and registration, head to our website:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Thinking about moving to France? Here's one more reason to take classes with the AF.**

Read about the new language requirements for French residency cards [here](#).

## **FEDERATION OF ALLIANCES FRANÇAISES USA VIRTUAL EVENTS**

### **Le Mois de la Francophonie**

The Délégation du Québec à Boston has made 250 free copies of the film *Hôtel Silence* available to AF members to watch on March 20th, le Jour de la Francophonie. Register now to get one of the 250 free access links to watch the film. You will receive the link before March 20, and you will have 24 hours to watch the film from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM ET. Don't miss this chance!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### **The Rebel Empresses**

**Wednesday, March 5 at 1pm PT / 4pm ET | REGISTER**

Join us for a conversation with Nancy Goldstone, author of *The Rebel Empresses*, and historian Amanda Foreman as they discuss the thrilling chronicle of two of the most influential and glamorous women in nineteenth-century Europe—Elisabeth, empress of Austria, and Eugénie, empress of France—and their efforts to rule amid the scandal, intrigue, tragedy, and violence of their era.

### **Les Filles du Roi**

**Wednesday, March 12 at 1pm PT / 4pm ET | REGISTER**

Join us for a discussion with genealogist Lisa Elvin-Staltari of the *Société des Filles du Roi et Soldats du Carignan* who will talk about the remarkable legacy of the Filles du Roi, the "King's Daughters," and the soldiers who helped establish New France.

Lisa Elvin-Staltari's professional background includes over 20 years as a professional teacher, sales consultant, trainer, public speaker, radio host and writer.

### **French Cinémathèque: *L'événement***

**Monday, March 24 at 4pm PT / 7pm ET | REGISTER**

The Federation of AF USA's One Film One Federation program presents French Cinémathèque in collaboration with Telescope Film. Watch the film at home via streaming, then join us as Peter Debruge, Chief Film Critic for *Variety*, discussion about *L'événement*.

**For a full calendar of events and to register, check out the AF FFEDERATION- USA**

<https://www.afusa.org/cultural-events/>