La Trompette

novembre 2026

Mot du Président:

Chers members,

As we move further into our season, I encourage everyone to take a look at the many opportunities ahead and, most importantly, to register for our upcoming events. Whether it is a cultural gathering, a literary discussion, French conversation, or one of our special presentations, there is something for everyone. I also encourage you to explore the wonderful online programming available through the Fédération des Alliances Françaises USA. From lectures and films to literary programs and virtual cultural events, there are many ways to enjoy French culture from the comfort of home.

For those looking to take their French experience a step further, don't miss the upcoming immersion trips to Lyon and Bordeaux! Members who have participated in previous trips have returned with wonderful memories, lasting friendships, and an even deeper appreciation of French life and culture.

I am also pleased to share that several of our members (pictured below!) recently attended the annual Fédération des Alliances Françaises USA convention in Chicago. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow chapters from Michigan and across the country, as well as representatives of the French government and the Fondation des Alliances Françaises. These exchanges strengthen our ties to the broader Alliance community and remind us that we are part of something much larger.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support. Au plaisir de vous retrouver très bientôt!

Cordialement,
Thomas Jones II



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND SURVEY

If you have not already done so, you can renew your membership for the 2026-2027 membership year on our website at the link below.

Membership Renewal 2026-2027

We are committed to offering the best possible experience for our members, and your feedback is essential. Whether you have been with us for years or have just joined, we would love to hear your thoughts on what you enjoy and how we can improve.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey using the link below.

2026 AFGP Membership Survey - CLICK HERE

LET'S WELCOME THE BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU!

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
6:30 PM -9:30 PM

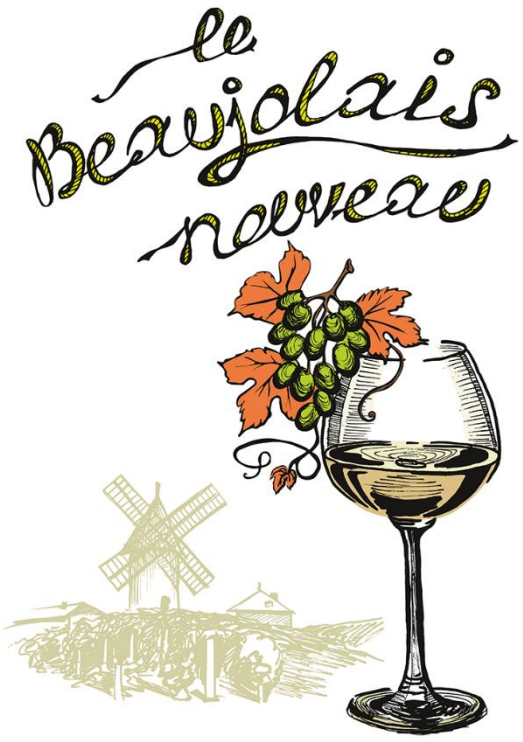
Assumption Cultural Center
Hellenic Room

21800 Marter Road
St Clair Shores, MI 48080

Join members & friends for a fun evening, delicious food, new wine, French music, and exciting door prizes!

Make sure you have renewed your membership for 2026-202

$50 per person for members
$60 per person for non-members



To buy your tickets, please visit our website at the link below.

https://afdegrossepointe.org/event/lets-welcome-the-beaujolais-nouveau/

AFGP FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Have you ever attended one of our French Conversation Meetups? Every month we welcome new guests from throughout metro Detroit with levels of fluency from intermediate to native francophone. This is a free event and you don't have to be a member to attend. We meet at Village Grill in Grosse Pointe at 6:00 PM. For information and to RSVP, go to Meetup.com.

mercredi 11 novembre
mercredi 9 décembre
mercredi 13 janvier



CERCLE DE LECTURE

Notre Cercle Littéraire vous invite à nous rejoindre pour une lecture. Nous lisons une grande variété de livres en français et en discutons en français. Nous nous réunissons chez nos membres une fois par mois, par roulement. Si vous souhaitez nous rejoindre pour une discussion, un essai ou si vous avez besoin d'aide pour vous procurer un de nos livres, veuillez nous contacter à l'adresse alliancefrancaisegrossepointe@gmail.com

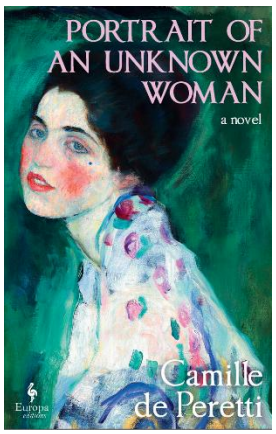
samedi 21 novembre
La Reine du labryinthe

Camille Pascal raconte l'histoire d'une reine confrontée aux intrigues, aux dangers et aux mystères de son époque. Entre pouvoir, courage et trahison, elle doit avancer dans un véritable labyrinthe politique pour protéger son royaume et découvrir la vérité.



samedi 19 décembre
L'inconnue du portrait

Camille de Peretti nous plonge dans l'énigme d'un tableau mystérieux de Gustav Klimt représentant une femme inconnue. À travers plusieurs générations et différents pays, le roman explore les secrets familiaux, les destins croisés, l'amour et la quête d'identité, mêlant fiction et histoire.

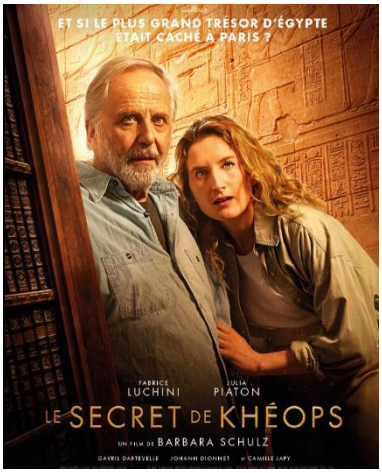


CINÉ CLUB

Come experience our Ciné Club, where language, culture, and storytelling come together on the big screen. Whether you're fluent in French or just love international film, you'll feel right at home. So bring a friend and join us at the Grosse Pointe Public Library – Woods Branch!

samedi 28 novembre, 1:30PM:
Le Secret de Khéops

When archaeologist Christian Robinson discovers a mysterious secret hidden beneath the Great Pyramid of Khéops, he sets out on a thrilling quest to uncover the truth. Joined by his daughter, he follows a trail of ancient clues that leads deep into the mysteries of Egypt's most iconic monument. But the discovery comes with danger, and others are determined to claim the secret for themselves.



samedi 5 décembre, 1:30PM:
À toute allure

Love knows no boundaries! When a submarine officer and an airline steward fall for each other, distance becomes their biggest challenge. Between unexpected adventures, hilarious situations and a race against the odds, *À toute allure* is a heartwarming French romantic comedy that proves love can take you anywhere!



SAVE THE DATES! AFGP PLANNED EVENTS FALL 2026

- 11/18: Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration
- 12/17: Fête de Noël

IN THE COMMUNITY



Detroit French Film Festival 2026

Friday, November 6 to Sunday, November 8

Birmingham 8 Theater

211 S Old Woodward Avenue
Birmingham, MI 48009









Friday, November 6,

7:30 PM

En Fanfare – .One family secret. Two brothers and a second chance through music.

Saturday, November 7

3:30 PM

Tous Toqués – Sometimes, the recipe for happiness is the most unexpected one.

Saturday, November 7

7:30 PM

On Ira – Leave your plans behind, embark on a journey full of surprises.

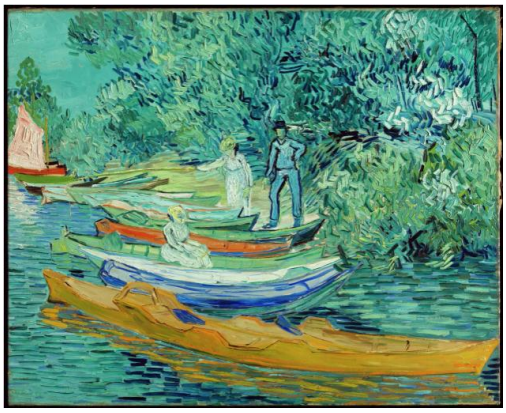
Sunday, November 8

3:30 PM

On Ira – Leave your plans behind, embark on a journey full of surprises.

For ticketing and more information, please visit:

https://www.afdetroit.org/detroit-french-film-festival-2025/#/



Reimagine Modern Art

Opening Sunday, November 15

The Detroit Institute of Arts

5200 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the Detroit Institute of Arts is reinstalling its modern art galleries. Opening in fall 2026, *Reimagine Modern Art* explores the groundbreaking artists and designers of Europe and the Americas from the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries. Through bold experimentation with materials, techniques, and ideas, these creators reflected a rapidly changing world and helped redefine artistic expression. Featuring beloved masterpieces alongside recent acquisitions and works rarely displayed, the reinstallation offers fresh perspectives and a more inclusive look at the evolution of modern art.

General museum admission is FREE for residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

For more information, please visit:

https://dia.org/events/exhibitions/reimagine-modern-art



Isabelle O'Connell: Cocteau

Friday, December 4, 7:00 PM

The Detroit Institute of Arts
Rivera Court

5200 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

Pianist Isabelle O'Connell performs music from her critically acclaimed new solo album ***Cocteau*** *(Divine Art Records)* highlighting the musical connections and artistic spirit of French artist, writer and film-maker Jean Cocteau. Isabelle presents a program that explores the musical avant-garde of 1920's Paris with music by Erik Satie, Igor Stravinsky, Francis Poulenc, Darius Milhaud, Germaine Tailleferre and the rest of Le Groupe des Six. The program will also feature the U.S. premiere of a suite of pieces entitled *'Cocteau'* by Irish composer Rhona Clarke, inspired by Jean Cocteau's multi-faceted persona and multidisciplinary body of work.

Free with General Admission

For more information, please visit:

https://dia.org/events/isabelle-oconnell-cocteau?event_date=2026-12-04



Danton
Directed by Andrzej Wajda; 136 minutes; France/1983

Sunday, December 6

The Detroit Institute of Arts
Detroit Film Theatre

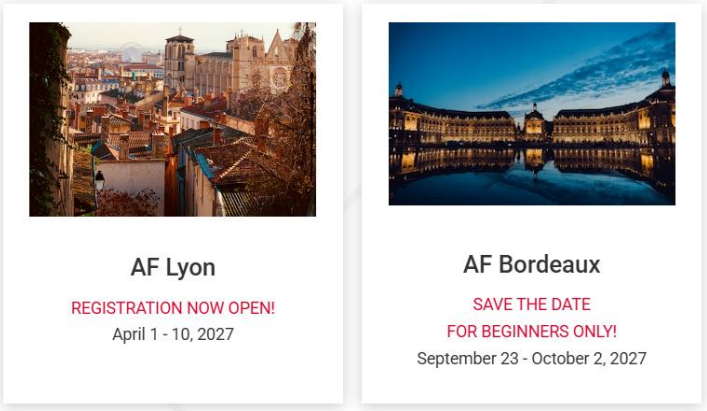
5200 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

Gérard Depardieu and Wojciech Pszoniak star in Andrzej Wajda's powerful, intimate depiction of the ideological clash between the earthy, man-of-the-people Georges Danton and icy Jacobin extremist Maximilien Robespierre, both key figures of the French Revolution. By drawing parallels to Polish "solidarity," a movement that was being quashed by the government as the film went into production, Wajda ingeniously and energetically transported history into the present. Meticulous and fiery, with a pulsing, speed-of-light narrative, *Danton* has been hailed as one of the greatest films ever made about The Terror. 1983 César Award for Best Director, Andrzej Wajda. In French with English subtitles.

For ticketing and more information, please visit:

https://dia.org/events/danton

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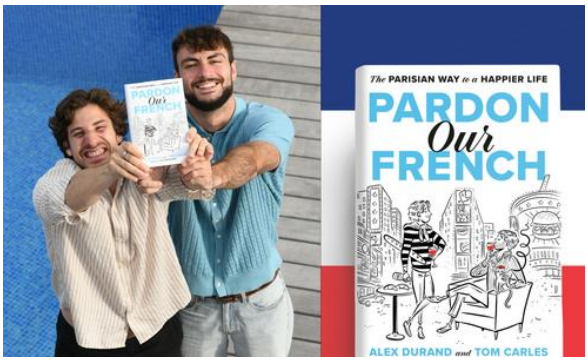


Fédération des AF USA Immersion Trips

Registration and more information available at:

https://www.afusa.org/cultural-events/immersion-programs/

Registration is now open for **Lyon, April 1–10, 2027**. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your French while experiencing the city's rich culture and lifestyle. And **save the date for Bordeaux, September 23–October 2, 2027**, a special immersion experience designed for beginners. Learn, explore, and live French with other AF members from around the USA!



Pardon Our French: A Conversation with AT Frenchies

Thursday, November 12, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/pardon-our-french-a-conversation-with-at-frenchies/

Join us for a lively conversation with Alex and Tom from AT Frenchies! Discover the story behind their book *Pardon Our French*, their love of the French language and culture, and the inspiration that brought the project to life. They'll share stories, insights, and plenty of French-American fun, followed by a Q&A with the AF USA community. Whether you're a lifelong Francophile, a French learner, or simply curious about the French-American connection, we would love for you to join us for this special conversation!



Conversation with Eric Karpeles: Proust's Musée imaginaire and Beyond

Tuesday, November 17, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/conversation-with-eric-karpeles-prousts-musee-imaginaire-and-beyond/

Join us for an afternoon conversation with **Eric Karpeles**, author and painter, and **Fereshteh Priou** of the Proust Society of Greenwich. They will explore the rich visual imagination behind Proust's work and the world of art that shaped his writing.

Whether you are a longtime admirer of *À la recherche du temps perdu* or simply curious about the interplay of literature and painting, all are welcome.



From Survivor to Visionary: The Baroness Pontalba in Paris and New Orleans

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/from-survivor-to-visionary-the-baroness-pontalba-in-paris-and-new-orleans/

Born in the French Quarter of New Orleans and married into French aristocracy, Micaëla Almonester de Pontalba lived a remarkable life between two worlds. Her journey carried her from nineteenth-century New Orleans to the Château de Mont-l'Évêque, where a troubled marriage and a shocking act of violence tested the limits of her courage. She survived, returned to New Orleans, and transformed the city with the celebrated Pontalba Apartments that still frame Jackson Square.

Drawing upon the research behind *The Blood of the Baroness*, authors Rory O'Neill Schmitt, PhD and Rosary O'Neill, PhD, explore Micaëla's resilience, her French-American identity, and the enduring cultural conversation between France and New Orleans.



French Cinémathèque: Un conte de Noël

Monday, December 7, 7:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/french-cinematheque-un-conte-de-noel-12-2026/

Un Conte de Noël / A Christmas Tale
2008 / 152m

Director Arnaud Desplechin
Cast Catherine Deneuve, Anne Consigny, Jean-Paul Roussillon, Mathieu Amalric, Émile Berling, Melvil Poupaud
Genre Drama, Comedy

When their regal matriarch falls ill, the troubled Vuillard family come together for a hesitant Christmastime reunion. Among them is rebellious ne'er-do-well Henri and the uptight Elizabeth. Together under the same roof for the first time in many years, their intricate, long denied resentments and yearnings emerge again.

Discussions will usually take place on the fourth Monday of each month. Participants are encouraged to watch the film via streaming before attending the discussion. The Zoom link will be sent out via email after registration.

One Film One Federation (OFOF), in collaboration with Telescope Film, presents French Cinémathèque – a celebration of Francophone cinema offering a curated selection of monthly films from January – December, 2026. AF Chapter members worldwide can enjoy the monthly selection on specified streaming platforms followed by a free hosted discussion in English with Beatrice Loayza, a critic and film historian based in Brooklyn. Beatrice is a lecturer at the School of Visual Arts and a regular contributor to the New York Times, the Criterion Collection, Film Comment, and other publications.

Telescope Film, the only site in the US exclusively for international film and TV, now offers a dedicated page for France. Looking for a particular French film or show? Search our comprehensive database to find out if it's streaming in the US and where. Not sure what to watch (as long as it's French!)? See what's new and what's popular from France, or browse our curated content – there's a new themed collection every month. From the classics of the French New Wave to the latest series, the French page on Telescope is a home for fans of French film and TV.



An Afternoon in Paris: Food, Mystery, and Julia Child with Jenna Helwig & Dorie Greenspan

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM

Registration and more information available at:

https://www.afusa.org/event-rsvp/an-afternoon-in-paris-food-mystery-and-julia-child-with-jenna-helwig-and-dorie-greenspan/

Please join Jenna Helwig, author of the new Paris mystery *The Foreign Correspondent's Wife* and food director at *Real Simple* magazine, in discussion with bestselling cookbook author and part-time Paris resident Dorie Greenspan. Expect a conversation about the delights of French food, the fun of crafting a historical mystery, and memories of how Julia Child inspired both Jenna and Dorie, one via her memoir and the other in real life.