



Alliance Française

Welcome to the 2nd edition of
The French Film Festival in Newcastle!

14th, 15th, 16th MAY 2010
At Greater Union Cinema, 185 King Street

Advance bookings from April 12th:

Phone: 4926 2233

At the Cinema

Online www.greaterunion.com.au

PROGRAMME

Friday 14th May - 7 pm

LAUGHING OUT LOUD

LOL (2008)

Comedy 107 mins

Rating : MA 15+

Starring Sophie Marceau

Directed by Lisa Azuelos

English subtitles.



Set in the wealthiest suburb of Paris, *LOL* is funny, light-hearted and endearing. French audiences - and especially teenagers - flocked to it, placing it in the top ten grossing films of 2009. It recounts the trials and tribulations of adolescent Lola, aka 'LOL', as she copes with growing up. But as the song goes, "you can't always get what you want". There are problems with her boyfriend as well as her mother. But mother is still involved with her ex-husband, and that doesn't help matters, either. Hollywood has plans for a remake, with Demi Moore as the mother.

Friday 14th May – 7 pm (same night, same time)

BABY LOVE

Comme Les Autres (2008)

Comedy 93 mins

Rating : MA 15+

Starring Lambert Wilson

Directed by Vincent Garenq

English subtitles.



Manu, a gay pediatrician in his forties, would be perfectly happy if he could adopt a child and bring him or her up with his lawyer partner, Philippe. The problem is that Philippe is pleased with his present life and will not have it spoiled. Unable to find an agreement, the two lovers part. Manu, although shaken, is single-minded about finding a surrogate mother, willing to give him the child he craves. Fina, an illegal immigrant, might agree to have his child in exchange for a marriage of convenience. However, as Blaise Pascal would put it, "The heart has reasons that Reason cannot know".

6-7pm: Complimentary wine and cheese before both screenings.

Saturday 15th May – 2.30pm

TROUBLE AT TIMPETILL

Les Enfants de Timbelbach (2008)

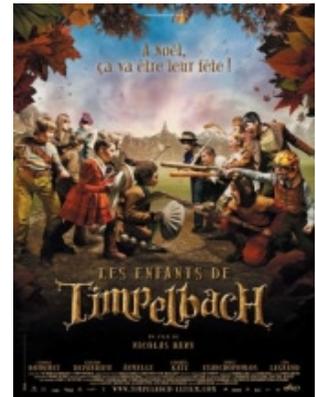
Family Film - Adventure/Fantasy 95 mins

Rating : G

Starring: Gérard Dépardieu, Carole Bouquet.

Directed by Nicolas Bary

English subtitles.



You're in a remote village in the mountains. Your parents and all the grown ups go off for the day and you're left alone to do anything you'd like. Wouldn't that be fun? But sometimes children play nasty tricks and practical jokes, and events start to get out of hand when the adults don't come back. Things can get scary at night. With its remote setting, adventure and fantasy, the film nods in the direction of *Harry Potter*. Fun and games for all, especially for the kids, who'll love the cartoon-inspired real life action.

Saturday 15th May - 6.30pm

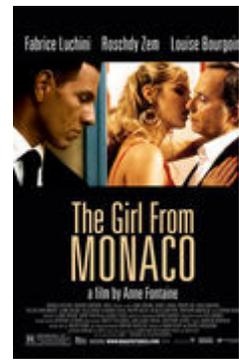
THE GIRL FROM MONACO

La Fille de Monaco (2008)

Dramatic Comedy 95 mins

Rating : MA 15+

Starring : Fabrice Luchini



Welcome to Monaco - a city of romance and danger where the stakes are high and nothing is what it seems. When an uptight lawyer meets the town's sexiest celebrity and his assigned bodyguard, he discovers a world he never knew existed. And the deeper he goes, the further he falls. As they say in Monaco, it's hard to tell the difference between the player and the one who's being played. A sexy romantic comedy with a murderous twist from the director of *Coco Avant Chanel*.

Sunday 16th May - 11am

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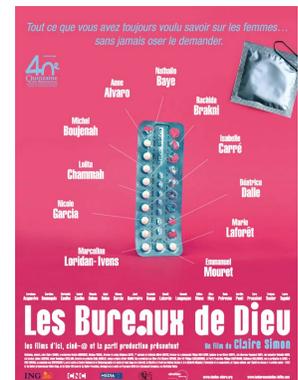
Les Bureaux de Dieu (2008)

Realistic Comedy 122 mins

Rating : MA 15+

Directed by Claire Simon

English subtitles.



"Everything you've always wanted to know about women - without daring to ask". This comedy-drama, based on true case histories, is set in a Parisian family-planning clinic. With a clever mix of non-actors and professionals, we're invited to observe a realistic series of fascinating vignettes. In the role of Anne is Nathalie Baye, one of France's most respected actors. Tackling subject matter normally excluded from public debate (and no doubt further provoked by the title) director Claire Simone and writer Natalia Rodriguez managed to ruffle feathers when it was released in France. Screened in Director's Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival.

Sunday 16th May - 2pm

(second screening)

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SCHOOL SCREENING

Friday 14th May - 10.30am (& 1pm if necessary)

More details to come.

PRICING & BOOKING

Festival Pass* Adult \$55 - Concession** \$50

Single session Adult \$13 - Concession** \$11 - Child \$9***

* for the 5 movies (does not include the School Screening on Friday morning).

** Alliance Française members, Newcastle Film Society members, Students, Seniors.

*** Saturday afternoon session only.

Tickets on sale

Advance bookings recommended from April 12th.

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