

OPENING FILM

Les Aventures extraordinaires d'Adèle Blanc-Sec

Action/Adventure

The Extraordinary Adventures of Adèle Blanc-Sec

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Luc Besson

France, 2010, 105mins

Cast: Louise Bourgoin, Mathieu Amalric, Gilles Lellouche, Jean-Paul Rouve, Jacky Nercessian, Philippe Nahon

Thursday 30 September 7.30pm The Grand Cathay **By Invitation Only**

Friday 1 October 8.00pm AF Theatre

The film takes place before The Great War in Paris 1912. A 136 million year old pterodactyl egg within the museum of natural history hatches and wreaks havoc on the citizens of Paris, and it's up to Adèle Blanc-Sec to investigate and stop it. Adèle has been on a quest to find a doctor to save her little twin sister. She must save a crazy expert who has brought the pterodactyl to life, so he can bring an Egyptian mummy back to life, and it can in turn use ancient magic to revive her sister, who has been dead or in a coma for four years following a bizarre tennis accident. This is a comic imbroglio adapted from the 1970's graphic novels of Jacques Tardi and brought to the screen by Luc Besson.

The Extraordinary Adventures of Adèle Blanc-Sec is featured at the 26th Singapore French Film Festival courtesy of The Cathay Organisation

Welcome

Drama

Rating TBA

In French with English subtitles

Director: Philippe Lioret

France, 2008, 110mins

Cast: Vincent Lindon, Firat Ayverdi, Audrey Dana

Sunday 10 October 6.45pm AF Theatre

Monday 4 October 9.30pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Bilal (Firat Ayverdi), a 17-year-old Kurdish refugee, has spent the last three months of his life travelling across Europe in an attempt to reunite with his girlfriend who recently emigrated to England. The journey has been difficult, but the end is in sight when Bilal finally reaches the far north coast of France, where he can literally see the white cliffs of Dover across the English Channel. But it is here that his journey comes to an abrupt halt as local authorities, and the immigration laws they are enforcing, prevent him from going any further. Not content with merely looking upon the country he desires to call his home, Bilal devises a plan to swim across the bitterly cold waters of the Channel, and heads to the local swimming pool to commence his training. It is here that he crosses paths with Simon (Vincent Lindon), a middle-aged swimming instructor with a dejected spirit, who is privately reeling in turmoil as he dreads an imminent divorce from his wife (Audrey Dana). Despite their differing ages, the two men discover that they have much in common, and their friendship develops into a strong bond that will prove necessary for both men to realise their dreams for a happy future. A huge box office success in its native France, writer-director Philippe Lioret (*Don't Worry, I'm Fine*) has created an absorbing story that speaks not only of the social issues of the day, but of the very nature of the human spirit.

- 2009: Won "Label Europa Cinemas" and "Prize of the Ecumenical Jury" at the Berlin International Film Festival
- 2009: Won "Best Screenplay" and "Special Prize of the Young Jury" at the Gijon International Film Festival
- 2009: Won Grand Prize for Dramatic Feature at the Heartland Film Festival
- 2009: Won the Audience Award at the Warsaw International Film Festival
- 2009: Won the Lux Prize from the European Parliament

La question humaine

Thriller/Drama

Heartbeat Detector

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Nicolas Klotz

France, 2007, 143mins

Cast: Mathieu Amalric, Michael Lonsdale, Edith Scob, Lou Castel, Jean-Pierre Kalfon, Valérie Dréville

Saturday 2 October 4.00pm AF Theatre

Tuesday 5 October 9.30pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Simon Kessler works as a psychologist in the human resources department of the French branch of a long established German petrochemical corporation. The firm has recently dismissed 50% of its workforce on criteria devised by Kessler. Rose, the vice-president of the company, requests Kessler to look into whether Jüst, the CEO, is fit to do his job. The CEO discovers that Kessler is investigating him and tells him that Rose, whose previous name was Kraus, has a Nazi past. Kessler then discovers that Jüst's father headed a Nazi extermination group on the Eastern Front during World War Two. Jews placed in the back of a closed truck were killed with the truck's exhaust gas. A device called a "heartbeat detector" was then applied to discover any survivors. During the investigation, Kessler's perception goes disturbingly chaotic and cloudy. The experience affects his body, his mind, his personal life and sensibility. The calm assurance he is famous for starts to falter. Tormented by the memory of mass murder, Jüst attempts suicide. From company politics, the film changes its focus to the Holocaust. An analogy is drawn between company downsizing and extermination.

- 2007 Won: Golden Swan - Best Actor (Mathieu Amalric) Copenhagen Film Festival (Denmark)
- 2008 Nominated: César Awards (France) Best Actor – Supporting Role (Michael Lonsdale)
- 2007 Gijón Film Festival (Spain)
 - Won: Best Actor (Mathieu Amalric)
 - Won: Best Art Direction (Antoine Platteau)
 - Nominated: Grand Prix Asturias - Best Feature (Nicolas Klotz)
- 2007 Won: Critics Award - São Paulo Film Festival (Brazil) International (Nicolas Klotz)

La fille du RER

Drama

The Girl on the Train

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: André Techiné

France, 2009, 105mins

Cast: Emilie Dequenne, Michel Blanc, Catherine Deneuve, Mathieu Demy, Ronit Elkabetz

Saturday 2 October 6.45pm AF Theatre

Saturday 2 October 7.15pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Jeanne is a young woman, striking but otherwise without qualities. Her mother tries to get her a job in the office of a lawyer, Bleistein, her lover years ago. Jeanne fails the interview but falls into a relationship with Franck, a wrestler whose dreams and claims of being in a legitimate business partnership Jeanne is only too happy to believe. When Franck is arrested, he turns on Jeanne for her naivety; she's stung and seeks attention by making up a story of an attack on a train. Is there any way out for her? In a subplot, Bleistein's grandson, Nathan, prepares for his *bar mitzvah* and, through an encounter with Jeanne, experiences intimations of manhood.

Comme les autres

Romantic Comedy

Baby Love

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Vincent Garenq

France, 2008, 93mins

Cast: Lambert Wilson, Pilar López de Avala, Pascal Elbé

Saturday 2 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Wednesday 6 October 9.30pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

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 partner, Philippe, a lawyer. However, Philippe is pleased with his present life and the last thing he wishes for is the invasive presence of a wailing brat. Unable to come to a compromise, the two lovers part. Though heartbroken, Manu focuses on finding a surrogate mother who would be willing to carry his child. Fina, a beautiful illegal immigrant from Colombia might do the job for him in exchange for a marriage of convenience.

Le premier venu

Drama/Romance

Just Anybody

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Jacques Doillon

France, 2008, 121mins

Cast: Clémentine Beaugrand, Gérald Thomassin, Guillaume Saurel, Gwendoline Godquin

Sunday 3 October 4.00pm AF Theatre

Friday 8 October 7.00pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

A girl in her twenties tries to bring a little light and levity to her life that she finds inadequate, futile and lacking in the intensity that she requires. She decides to give her love--not to the most seductive guy, nor the most deserving or most admirable one. No, they don't need her. She will give her love to just anybody.

Khamsa

Drama

Khamsa

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Karim Dridi

France, 2008, 110mins

Cast: Marc Cortes, Raymond Adam, Tony Fourmann, Simon Abkarian, Magalie Contreras

Monday 4 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Thursday 7 October 9.30pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Khamsa is the story of a half-Gypsy, half-Arab street kid, Marco, 11 years old, who is also otherwise known as Khamsa. He comes back to his camp after an umpteenth runaway. He gets the name "Khamsa" from the Hand of Fatima necklace he wears around his neck - his only keepsake from his Algerian mother who has passed away. As a member of not just one, but *two* despised ethnic groups, Marco occupies probably one of the lowest social rungs in French society. He re-bonds with his long time friends and cousins. They plunge into the fragile world of thefts, scams and violence. They make money out of the financial system. Marco and his friends are not protected by the police. They do not go to school. They dream of dogfights and burning caravans.

Les bureaux de Dieu

Comedy

God's Offices

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Claire Simon

France, 2008, 122mins

Cast: Anne Alvaro, Nathalie Baye, Michel Boujenah, Rachida Brakni, Isabelle Carré, Lolita Chammah

Sunday 3 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Friday 8 October 9.30pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Djamila, Ana Maria, Zoé and the others; Anne, Marta, Pierre are a group of women struggling with their sexuality. They all meet in 'God's offices', or in less metaphysical terms, in the premises of the Family Planning centre. The former are women or teenage girls who have trouble with their sexual lives; the latter are counselors or doctors, who support and help them when families, partners or even the whole society tend to complicate matters. They speak openly with the female counselors who wonder if such a thing as "sexual freedom" is truly possible. This story speaks of the incredible hidden aspects of mundane events.

Tout ce qui brille

Dramatic Comedy

All That Glitters

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Géraldine Nakache, Hervé Mimran

France, 2009, 100mins

Cast: Leila Bekhti, Géraldine Nakache, Virginie Ledoyen, Linh-Dan Pham, Simon Buret, Audrey Lamy, Daniel Cohen, Manu Payet, Nanou Garcia

Tuesday 5 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Ely and Lila are as close as sisters. They have known each other since their childhood – they share everything and dream of a different life together. They live in the same suburb ten minutes away from Paris. They tell big lies and get into scrapes – they do everything in order to try and go into a world which is not theirs, where everything seems possible. But everything that glitters is not gold. The film is a charmingly warm and studied portrait of two saucy young ladies who sacrifice friendship to penetrate the elitist realm of Paris' upper classes. Both chick-pic-with-a-heart and socially smart *dramedy*, this debut effort from scribe-helmets Géraldine Nakache (who also co-stars) and Hervé Mimran is packed with wit and youthful energy.

L'Heure d'été

Drama

Summer Hours

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Olivier Assayas

France, 2008, 103mins

Cast: Juliette Binoche, Charles Berling, Jérémie Renier, Edith Scob

Sunday 3 October 6.45pm AF Theatre

Sunday 10 October 3.00pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Hélène is a family matriarch of a small town who has devoted her life to preserving the legacy of her artist uncle. However, while her eldest son, Frédéric, wants to preserve her home after her passing, she harbors no such illusions as she prepares her legacy. After her death, her children realize what she anticipated as they come to terms with their inheritance's place in their own lives. In the resulting disposition of their mother's assets, treasured heirlooms of a romantic family past drift away even as their changing modern world confronts the value of their memories.

Awards

- 2010 Nominated: Best Ensemble Cast, Chlotrudis Awards
- 2010 Won: Best Foreign Language Film, National Society of Film Critics Awards, USA
- 2010 Nominated: Best Film Not in the English Language, Online Film Critics Society Awards
- 2010 Won: Best Foreign Language Film, Vancouver Film Critics Circle
- 2009 Won: Best Foreign Language Film, Boston Society of Film Critics Awards
- 2009 Nominated: Best Foreign Language Film, Chicago Film Critics Association Awards
- 2009 Nominated: César for Best Supporting Actress, Edith Scob
- 2009 Won: Best Foreign Language Film, Los Angeles Film Critics Association Awards
- 2009 Won: Best Foreign Film, New York Film Critics Circle Awards
- 2009 Won: Best Foreign Film, Southeastern Film Critics Association Awards
- 2009 Nominated: Best Foreign Film, Washington DC Area Film Critics Association Awards

Rock and Roll...Of Corse!

Documentary

Rock and Roll...Of Corse!

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Directors: Stéphane Bébert, Lionel Guedj

France, 2010, 90mins

Cast: Sting, Kim Wilde, Henri Padovani, Stewart Copeland, Miles Copeland

Saturday 2 October 2.30pm AF Theatre

Saturday 9 October 5.30pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

London 1976 – the punk era was getting into full swing. Henri Padovani arrives for a two-week holiday which extended into a seven-year stay. The young musician from Corsica found his niche in this exciting, musical period. With Sting and Stewart Copeland he formed The Police in 1977. Unsited to the rock-star lifestyle, Padovani prefers to stay out of the limelight. His unwillingness makes him the ideal observer of these complicated times. In *Rock n Roll...Of Corse!*, Padovani speaks of his experiences in the '70s and early '80s, joined by a stellar cast of luminaries including Mick Jones, Stewart Copeland and more. Extensive concert footage includes Padovani joining Sting, Copeland and Andy Summers during a Police reunion tour 30 years later to an audience of 80,000 in France, the reformation of his band, The Flying Padovanis at the Fuji Rock Festival in Japan and more.

Official Selection: Festival de Cannes

TRIBUTE TO JEAN-PIERRE MELVILLE

L'armée des ombres

Drama

Army of Shadows

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Jean-Pierre Melville

France, 1969, 140mins

Cast: Lino Ventura, Paul Meurisse, Jean-Pierre Cassel, Simone Signoret, Claude Mann

Monday 4 October 6.30pm AF Theatre

Saturday 2 October 3.00pm The Picturehouse

France, 1942, during the German occupation - Philippe Gerbier, a civil engineer, is one of the French Resistance's chiefs. Given away by a traitor, he is interned in a camp. He manages to escape, and joins his network at Marseilles, where he ensures the execution of the traitor... The film shows rigorously and austere the everyday-life of the soldiers of the French Resistance: their solitude, their fears, their relationships, the arrests, the forwarding of orders and their carrying out...

Bob le flambeur

Crime/Thriller

Bob the Gambler

In French and English with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Jean-Pierre Melville

France, 1956, 98mins

Cast: Isabelle Corey, Daniel Cauchy, Roger Duchesne, Guy Decomble, André Garet

Tuesday 5 October 6.30pm AF Theatre

Saturday 2 October 5.45pm The Picturehouse

In Paris's Montmartre district, everyone knows Bob, a middle-aged, well-dressed compulsive gambler. He's generous, moralistic, drives a two-toned convertible coupe, lives in a swank apartment, and has the respect of the police. But he's on a losing streak, and even when he hits it big at the track, he loses at the Deauville Casino. He hears through a friend that the Deauville Casino holds undreamed-of quantities of cash, vulnerable in the early morning hours. Bob develops a complicated scheme to steal it, bringing in a tough but naive young protégé and an ace safecracker into his scheme, along with a few other underworld characters.

Le cercle rouge

Crime/Thriller

The Red Circle

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Jean-Pierre Melville

France, 1970, 140mins

Cast: Alain Delon, Bourvil, Gian Maria Volonte, Yves Montand, Paul Crauchet, Paul Amiot

Wednesday 6 October 6.30pm AF Theatre

Sunday 3 October 7.00pm The Picturehouse

Corey is a cool, aristocratic thief, released from prison on the same day that Vogel, a murderer, escapes from the custody of the patient Mattei, a cat-loving police superintendent. Corey robs Rico, his mob boss, then enlists Vogel and an ex-police sharpshooter, Jansen, in a jewel heist. While Corey is harried by the vengeful Rico, Mattei pressures Santi, a nightclub owner and pimp, to help him trap the thieves. Over all hangs the judgement of the police director, that every man is guilty.

Le doulos

Crime/Thriller

The Finger Man

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Jean-Pierre Melville

France, 1962, 108mins

Cast: Jean-Paul Belmondo, Serge Reggiani, Jean Desailly, René Lefèvre, Marcel Cuvelier, Philippe March, Fabienne Dali, Monique Henessy

Thursday 7 October 8.00pm AF Theatre

Tuesday 5 October 7.15pm The Picturehouse

Burglar Maurice Faugel has just finished his prison sentence. He murders Gilbert Vanovre and steals the loot of a break-in. He is also preparing a house-breaking, and his friend Silien brings him the needed equipment. But Silien is a police informer. The police appear and he tries to run but the police shoot at him and he is wounded. He loses consciousness and awakes in his friend Jean's apartment. He believes that his friend Silien told the police about his plans. Silien is questioned by the police about the murder of Gilbert and the robbery before the police collect Maurice from a bar where he is reading a newspaper report about his girlfriend, Therese's death. Therese has been found in her car at the bottom of a quarry. Silien is released and goes to meet his ex-girlfriend Fabienne. With Fabienne's help, Silien frames someone else for the murder and robbery, leaving Maurice in the clear. Maurice is released from prison and discovers that it was Therese who told the police about the robbery and Silien and Jean who killed her. Maurice reveals that he killed Gilbert because Gilbert killed his girlfriend Arlette four years ago to keep her quiet. Silien returns home but once Silien has left, Maurice remembers that he hired a man to kill Silien because he thought he had betrayed him and chases after him. Through Maurice and Silien's actions, the film explores just how deeply qualities such as friendship and loyalty run.

Le silence de la mer

Drama

The Silence of the Sea

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Jean-Pierre Melville

France, 1949, 88mins

Cast: Howard Vernon, Nicole, Stéphane, Jean-Marie Robain, Ami Aarøe, Georges Patric

Friday 8 October 6.45pm AF Theatre

Sunday 3 October 5.15pm The Picturehouse

In a small town in occupied France in 1941, the German officer, Werner Von Ebrennac is lodged in the house of the uncle and his niece. The uncle and niece refuse to speak to him, but each evening the officer warms himself by the fire and talks of his country, his music, and his idealistic views of the relationship between France and Germany. That is, until he visits Paris and discovers the reality of the occupation.

Sous le nom de Melville

Documentary

Code Name: Melville

In French, Japanese and Cantonese with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Olivier Bohler

France, 2008, 76mins

Cast: Michel Dreyfus-Schmidt, Leo Fortel, Pierre Grasset, Laurent Grousset, Rémy Grumbach, Masahiro Kobayashi, Johnnie To

Saturday 9 October 2.00pm AF Theatre in the presence of director Olivier Bohler

Monday 4 October 7.15pm The Picturehouse

Both screenings will be done in the presence of director Olivier Bohler

Both screenings will be followed by a Q&A session

Combining interviews of Johnnie To, Masahiro Kobayashi, Volker Schlöndorff, Bertrand Tavernier and others with rare archival footage of Jean-Pierre Melville himself and extracts of his films, *Code Name Melville* shows how Melville's works were impacted by what he experienced as a young man during World War II, and how it structured his whole approach to cinema, not only in its thematic but also in its aesthetics. Indeed, Melville spent a total of eight years of his life (1937-1945) in the French army and then escaped through the South of France to Spain, to join the Free French Forces. Although his family name was Grumbach, as a Resistance fighter, he adopted the name of Melville (after Herman Melville), and would never go back to his original family name, remaining as Melville throughout the post war years. Significantly, his first feature film was the adaptation of one of the most prestigious novels written about the French Resistance, *The Silence of the Sea*. Twenty years later, he directed what still remains as the ultimate movie about the French Resistance, *Army of Shadows*. Resisting the structures of the film industry, his own original approach to filmmaking was that of a highly independent man who did not want to have to rely on any existing system or network. This attitude earned him the reputation of being the precursor of the French New Wave.

Code Name Melville has been presented in numerous festivals around the world, in Taipei, Torino, Biarritz, Amiens, Angers, Brighton, Cambridge, Tokyo, etc.

OLIVIER BOHLER

Director's Biography and Filmography

Born in Marseilles (France) in 1972, Olivier Bohler completed his PhD thesis on Jean-Pierre Melville in 2000. He has also written numerous articles for books and magazines about various aspects of the history of French cinema. Since 2005, Olivier has been writing scripts for films and TV series in France. In 2007, he co-founded Nocturnes Productions with Raphaël Millet. *Code Name: Melville* is his first full length documentary. Olivier is currently working on a documentary about Jean-Luc Godard's relationship to modern and contemporary art.

Océans

Ecological Documentary-Drama

Oceans

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Directors: Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud

Cast: Pierce Brosnan (Narrator, English version), Jacques Perrin (Narrator, French version), Rie Miyazawa (Narrator, Japanese version), Aldo (Narrator, Italian version), Lancelot Perrin (Himself), Manolo Garcia (Narrator).

Saturday 9 October 4.30pm AF Theatre

Oceans is an ecological drama/documentary, filmed throughout the globe. Devoting over 70 trips to 50 places and 4 years it captures more than 100 species. Jacques Perrin presents a tale of the mysterious ocean and the living with the latest cinematographic equipment, capable of taking miraculous images. The film penetrates the mysterious and fascinating marine world like never before.

District 13 : Ultimatum

Crime/Thriller

District 13: Ultimatum

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Patrick Alessandrin

France, 2009, 101mins

Cast: Cyril Raffaelli, David Belle, Philippe Torreton, Daniel Duval, Elodie Yung, MC Jean Gab'1, James Deano, Laouni Mouhid

Friday 8 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Captain Damien Tomaso is framed at home with three kilograms of heroine after a successful mission against the drug lords. The drugs were planted by the police in his kitchen and he is arrested. Meanwhile a group of teenagers film the action of dirty agents led by Roland from the security agency executing policemen in their car and then leaving the car with the corpses in the 13th District to blame the gangs and begin a civil war. Behind these events, the corrupt chief of the security agency Walter Gassman had received a huge amount as kickback from the constructor Harriburton who wishes to construct buildings in the poor area and uses the situation to force the President of France to authorize to destroy five towers in the district. The teenager with the film is hunted by the police but he delivers the memory card to Leito. Damien calls him from the precinct asking for help. The friends team-up with five dangerous bosses to gather evidences to prove to the president that Gassman has provoked the conflict in their district.

Les enfants de Timpelbach

Dramatic Comedy

Trouble at Timpetill

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Nicolas Bary

France, 2008, 95mins

Cast: Raphaël Katz, Adèle Exarchopoulos, Léo Legrand, Baptiste Bétoulaud, Martin Jobert, Lola Créton, Léo Paget, Ilona Bachelier, Julien Dubois, Florian Goutiéras

Wednesday 6 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Friday 1 October 7.15pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Welcome to Timpelbach, a small, serene village. Well, not really that serene... Indeed, for several weeks, the children have been playing multiple practical jokes and nasty tricks. The victims are, of course, other children... but also, and most of all, the parents. Overwrought, they decide to leave the village for what they think will only be one day. But nothing happens as planned: on the way back, they are taken prisoner by a group of soldiers. In Timpelbach, the news of a village without parents makes Oscar and his gang of thugs happy! But that isn't the case of a few daredevils who decide to side with Manfred and Marianne to regain control of the village.

Le chant des mariées

Drama

The Wedding Song

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Karin Albou

France, 2008, 100mins

Cast: Lizzie Brocheré, Olympe Borval, Najib Oudghiri, Simon Abkarian, Karin Albou

Sunday 10 October 4.30pm AF Theatre

Sunday 3 October 3.00pm The Cathay Cineplex Hall 5

Tunisia, 1942. Nour and Myriam, 16 years-old, are childhood friends. They share the same house in a modest district where Jews and Muslims live in harmony. Each one desires the life of the other: where Nour regrets not going to school like her friend, Myriam dreams of love. She envies Nour's engagement to her cousin Khaled, kind of a shared fantasy of Prince Charming. Unfortunately, Khaled does not find a job. The engagement is prolonged and the prospect of a union slips further away. In 1942, the German army enters Tunisia. Following the politics of Vichy, the Nazis place a heavy fine on the Jewish community. Tita, Myriam's mother, no longer has the right to work. Crippled by debts, she decides to marry off her daughter to a rich doctor. In one stroke Myriam sees her dreams of love fade away...

Loup

Adventure

Wolf

In French with English subtitles

France, 102mins, 2009

Director: Nicolas Vanier

Cast: Nicolas Brioudes, Pom Klementieff, Min Man Ma, Vantha Talisman, Bernard Wong, Gurgon Kyap, Kaveil Kem, Vassiliev Guerassine

Sunday 10 October 2.30pm AF Theatre

16-year-old Sergueï is a nomadic reindeer herder, one of many who live in the wild mountains of eastern Siberia. Sergueï's clan is led by his father Boris and is made up of four families. Collectively, they own a herd of 3,000 reindeer which they drive from one pasture to another as the seasons change. The main threat is the wolf, for whom the reindeer is a delicacy. From an early age, Sergueï has been taught to chase and kill the wolves without pity. But one day, he has an encounter with his ancient lupine adversary that will shatter his certainties. How could he harm the helpless litter of wolf cubs? But Sergueï knows that by sheltering and protecting them he will be breaking with thousands of years of tradition, as well as betraying his father and his clan...

CLOSING FILM

Dramatic Comedy

Le petit Nicolas

Little Nicholas

In French with English subtitles

Rating TBA

Director: Laurent Tirard

France, 2009, 91mins

Cast: Maxime Godart, Valérie Lemercier, Kad Merad, Sandrine Kiberlain, François-Xavier Demaison, Michel Duchaussoy, Daniel Prévost

Saturday 9 October 8.30pm AF Theatre **By Invitation Only**

Sunday 10 October 9.15pm AF Theatre

Nicolas has a happy existence, parents who love him, a great group of friends with whom he has great fun, and all he wants is that nothing changes... One day, he overhears a conversation that leads him to believe that his life might change forever - his mother is pregnant! He panics and envisions the worst: soon a little brother will take away his parents' attention, they will no longer take care of him, they will eventually abandon him in the forest...

