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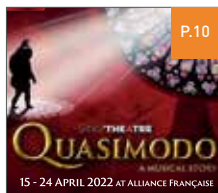
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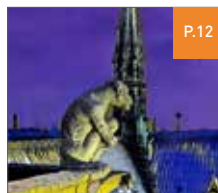
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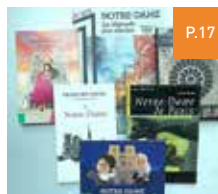
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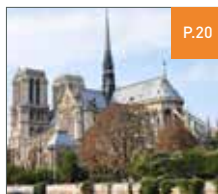
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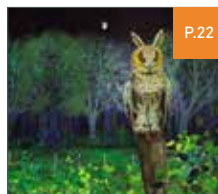
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Three years ago, a dreadful fire devastated Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral. On 15 April 2019, what went up in flames was not only one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture, but most importantly a symbol of the nation. For more than eight and a half centuries, its imposing silhouette has dominated the heart of Paris, and always been considered one of the most emblematic monuments of Paris and France. Since the 12th century, Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral has fascinated and inspired pilgrims, visitors and artists from all over the world, and is intimately linked to the destiny of France and the great hours of its history.



From this April and for two months, Alliance Française de Singapour has decided to put the spotlight on the architectural masterpiece, “Our Lady of Paris”, to continue sharing French cultural heritage with all communities through the French Excellence programme. In a spectacular exhibition, “(Re)births”, you will be able to deeply immerse into the history of Notre-Dame from its construction to its successive restorations. And what better immersion than a fantastic virtual reality experience, where you will be able to walk inside the cathedral and on places inaccessible to the public.

To bring different perspectives on Notre-Dame de Paris and its rebirths, a large series of talks, screenings and workshops are offered, for the whole family to enjoy: a conference about the heritage in France and worldwide of Viollet-le-Duc, a book club on Victor Hugo’s masterpiece, “The Hunchback of Notre-Dame”, a workshop on architecture for kids, screenings of a documentary, a musical by Sing’Theatre... just to name a few.

Our language centre is also offering the opportunity for students learning French to dive into the universe of Notre-Dame de Paris with a dedicated focus class, to combine French language and culture!

Enjoy the reading and *à bientôt à l’Alliance Française de Singapour !*

Fabian Forni,

Executive Director of Alliance Française de Singapour



exhibition

(RE)BIRTHS

16 APRIL - 15 JUNE LA GALERIE - 2ND FLOOR

At the heart of the programme, Alliance Française will present a spectacular exhibition "(Re)births" on the cathedral's construction and its successive restorations. You will be able to immerse yourself in the history of Notre-Dame, in models, images and virtual reality. From the first stone to the renovation site, come and discover the cathedral, which became one of the symbols of France through the centuries.



A fantastic VR experience is offered in the exhibition, for visitors to enjoy a unique virtual tour of Notre-Dame de Paris. Ubisoft, in the video game Assassin's Creed™: Unity, released in 2014, has reconstructed the cathedral, thanks to 5000 hours of graphic work, guided by historians. "Notre-Dame de Paris: Journey to the Past" offers the possibility of [re]discovering the cathedral from different points of view, some of which were inaccessible to the public (the roof, the flying buttresses...), in the heart of a lively Paris at the end of the 18th century.

Shown to the public for the first time at UNESCO headquarters during Heritage Days in 2019, the experience is now presented at the Archaeological Crypt of Paris, as part of the exhibition "Notre-Dame de Paris: from Victor Hugo to Viollet-le-Duc" and in the Micro-Folies cultural centers in France.



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16 April – 15 June

La galerie, 2nd floor

Tuesday - Friday: 1pm - 7.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 5.30pm

Free entrance

EXHIBITION

THE SECURITY SITE IN COMICS

Produced by *Etablissement public de Notre Dame de Paris*, the public establishment dedicated to the conservation and restoration of Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral, and intended for all audiences, this exhibition looks back on the primary operations of the cathedral security site and the trades (know-how) that have been mobilized.

Five renowned and highly talented French-speaking cartoonists - Zeina Abirached, Adjim Danngar - Achou BD & press cartoons, Sandrine Martin, Mathieu Sapin and François Schuiten - offer the public an educational and didactic dive into the heart of the security site to meet the different jobs.

This exhibition was designed in partnership with *la Cité internationale de la bande dessinée et de l'image* as part of the Year of Comics "BD 20-21"

16 April – 15 June

*La médiathèque, 2nd floor &
corridor 3rd floor*

Tuesday - Friday: 10am - 7pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Free entrance



EXHIBITION



ETERNAL NOTRE-DAME BY MICHEL SETBOUN

The artistic agency MABILLE & CHAUMETTE presents « Eternal Notre-Dame », an unprecedented Fine Art photo exhibition by the famous French photographer Michel Setboun.

To pay tribute to the majestic and iconic Cathedral of Paris, he practised his art in 3 different styles: Black and White, Colors, and Comic book processing. The latter style, very modern and unique, half-photo and half-design, refers to the colourful façade of the Cathedral back in the Middle Ages. This stunning series celebrates Notre-Dame de Paris, both Parisian and universal, intimate and mysterious, multiple and eternal.

Today, Michel Setboun's photographs are shown everywhere in the world. His Ayatollah Khomeini portrait is considered one of the 100 most remarkable photographs of our century.

Co-Curators of the Exhibition: Camille Chaumette & Agnès Mabillet
Each photograph is available for sale in Limited Edition.

16 April – 15 June

Corridor, 2nd floor

Free entrance

MUSICAL

QUASIMODO, A MUSICAL STORY

Be transported to the magic of Paris, and witness the truly unforgettable story - "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame", which will come to life on 15 April, exactly three years after the famed Cathedral was engulfed in flames, an event that devastated the world.

Quasimodo, A Musical Story features songs from the internationally lauded smash-hit musical Notre Dame de Paris, famously known for its intoxicating music and deep emotional appeal.

Quasimodo is a dramatic tale of impossible love and jealousy doomed by injustice and hypocrisy, which remains timeless and relevant in today's society. Experience this musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* 1831 novel Notre Dame de Paris which follows the perils of the kind hunchbacked bell-ringer of the Cathedral, Quasimodo. Watching from the spires of Notre Dame, Quasimodo falls in love with Esmeralda, a captivatingly sensual Bohemian girl. Adding to the emotional web are the morally conflicted Priest Frollo and the unfaithful Captain Phoebus, who also long for Esmeralda's love. In this tale of lust and love so true, who shall emerge unscathed?

Directed by Nathalie Ribette from Sing'Theatre, Quasimodo features a stellar cast of both established theatre talents (Hossan Leong, George Chan, Vanessa Kee) as well as theatre debuts (TJ Taylor, Joash Zheng, Preston Lim and Gabrielle Rae Sammy).

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THE LEGACY OF VIOLET-LE-DUC

Eugène Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc was a French architect and author who restored many prominent medieval landmarks in France, including those which had been damaged or abandoned during the French Revolution. His major restoration projects included Notre-Dame de Paris, the Basilica of Saint Denis, Mont Saint-Michel, Sainte-Chapelle, and the medieval walls of the city of Carcassonne. We invite you to a talk about the heritage in France and worldwide of Viollet-le-Duc with Vicomte Sebastien de Baritault du Capria live from his castle Chateau Fort de Roquetaillade restored by Viollet-le-Duc.

Thursday 5 May - 7pm | *Le théâtre*

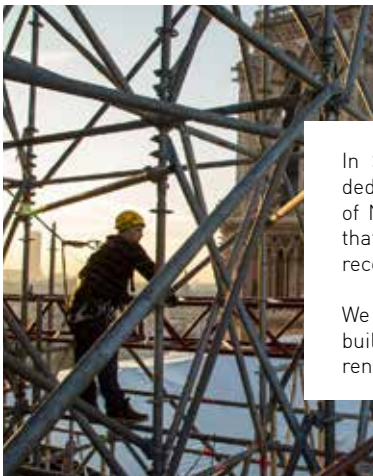
NOTRE DAME X UBISOFT: FROM ASSASSIN'S CREED TO NOTRE-DAME BRÛLE

Conference on how Ubisoft contributes to making Notre-Dame de Paris known and revived through its video game creations (from Assassin's Creed to the creation of a virtual reality escape game linked to the film Notre-Dame Brûle).

With Melanie de Riberolles, Director, New Business at Ubisoft.

Thursday 19 May - 7.30pm | *Le théâtre*





REBUILDING NOTRE-DAME: AT THE HEART OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE

In September 2021, the public establishment dedicated to the conservation and restoration of Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral announced that the cathedral was finally stable enough for reconstruction efforts to begin.

We invite you to meet the front-line master builders and discuss the secrets of the renovation site.

June (date TBC) - 7pm | *Le théâtre*

"IMMERSED INSIDE NOTRE-DAME" A TALK BY MICHEL SETBOUN

A few years ago, the French photographer Michel Setboun managed to get the authorization (almost impossible to obtain) to spend a few days - including nights, which was a real challenge - inside Notre-Dame Cathedral, in order to make a unique photo shoot. Michel Setboun would be eager to share his memories of such an extraordinary experience with the audience of Alliance Française.

Wednesday 18 May - 7pm | *Le théâtre*



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COMPAGNONS

Director: François Favrat | **Cast:** Pio Marmai, Agnès Jaoui, Najaa Bensaïd | In French with English subtitles
| **Rating:** TBC | **Genre:** Drama, comedy | 110min, France, 2022

19-year-old Naëlle, street art passionate, has to follow a reintegration project with other young people to avoid being separated from her loved ones. She is introduced to *Maison des Compagnons de Nantes*, promoting craftsmanship excellence and transmission, where she meets Paul, a stained glass artist who has agreed to take her for training in his studio. Naëlle discovers a universe with new codes, giving her life a new meaning.

Friday 20, Saturday 21 May - 8pm
Friday 10, Saturday 11 June - 8pm

Friday 20 May and Friday 10 June screenings are free for members.



NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS

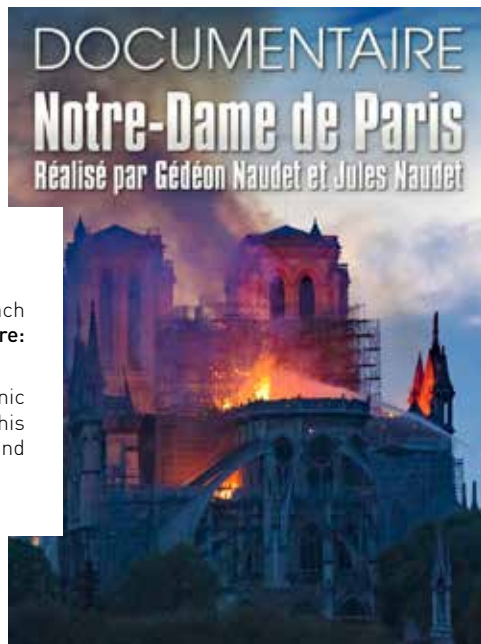
Directors: Jules and Gédéon Naudet | In French with English subtitles | **Rating:** TBC | **Genre:** Documentary | 91min, France, 2021

April 2019: a devastating fire destroys the iconic and beloved Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. This documentary is a look back at that fateful night and the people who heroically saved the church.

Thursday 19 May - 9pm

Saturday 11 June - 5pm

Free. Registration on AF website is required.



WORKSHOPS



COGNAC WORKSHOPS

Explore a range of extraordinary French Cognacs, and discuss origins, tasting notes and methods of production.

**Wednesday 11 &
25 May - 7pm**

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CHEESE AND WINE WORKSHOPS

Learn more about French cheeses and wines, their specific features and unique taste in an authentic and professional workshop.

**Wednesday 1 &
8 June - 7pm**

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CHAMPAGNE WORKSHOPS

Refine your appreciation of fine Champagne at our tasting workshops and enjoy a cheerful glass of bubbly.

**Thursday 26 May and
Wednesday 15 June
- 7pm**

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BOOK CLUB

Passionate about French literature? This month, we delve into Victor Hugo's classic novel "Notre-Dame de Paris". Join us to share your reading experience with other French speakers and (re) discover new insights. Limited to 7 pax.

14 & 28 April - 1pm | On Zoom | **Free**

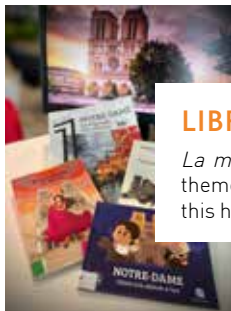
For members and AF students Level B2+ | Registration required

READ ALOUD BOOK CLUB

Come practise your French with us! Read aloud and breathe life into Quasimodo and Esmeralda in this simplified version of Notre-Dame de Paris. For students registered in the current term at Alliance Française. Limited to 10 pax.

22 April - 2pm | On Zoom | **Free** |

For AF students level B1+ | Registration required



LIBRARIANS' PICK ON NOTRE-DAME

La médiathèque has specially curated a selection of books on the theme of Notre-Dame de Paris. Come visit us to find out more about this historic monument and its literary representation by Victor Hugo.

VIRTUAL REALITY ESCAPE GAME

In 2022, Ubisoft announced its collaboration with director Jean-Jacques Annaud and the production company Pathé to create a virtual reality escape game linked to the film *Notre-Dame Brûle*, which traces the historic rescue of Notre-Dame de Paris during the 2019 fire. In this collaborative game, players will embody firefighters responsible for saving the cathedral's treasures and then climbing to the North belfry to neutralize the fire there and protect Notre Dame.



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"NOTRE-DAME BRÛLE" written by Jean-Jacques Annaud and Thomas Bidegain, directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud.
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The VR escape game will be available from the end of April 2022 (exact date TBC) at VR World (8 Sago St).

AF members will be entitled to a 10% discount for "Escape Notre-Dame on Fire".

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AGENDA



Term C

2 May – 25 June 2022

Registration begins on 28 March 2022

Term D

27 June – 20 August 2022

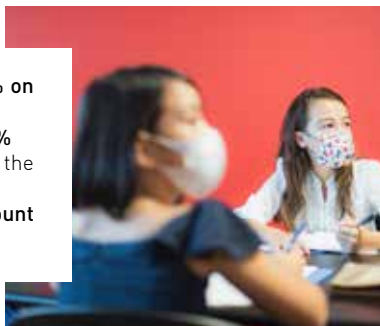
Registration begins on 30 May 2022

Mid-semester break from Monday 25 April to Saturday 30 April 2022.

Please note that Alliance Française will be closed on Monday 2 May (Labour Day), Tuesday 3 May (Hari Raya Puasa) and 16 May (Vesak Day). There will be no classes on these days.

PACKAGES & SPECIAL OFFERS

- Register for several terms and save **5% on the second term** and **10% on the third**
- Register for several classes and save **5%**
- Register 2+ members of your family for the same term and get **5% for each of you**
- Refer a new student to enjoy a **5% discount for both of you** on the upcoming term!



CERTIFICATIONS



Ready to test your French skills after months of hard work?

DELFDALF exams are back from 7 to 17 June 2022, and registrations are open from 4 April to 8 May.

DFP, business-oriented diploma, will take place on 23 May 2022. Registrations are open from 28 March to 24 April.

TEF-TCF: next session on 11 May, registration from 18 April to 30 April.

Preparation classes are available, online or face-to-face, to sit the exam with confidence. Courses include exam overview, practice over exercises and activities, written and oral simulation.

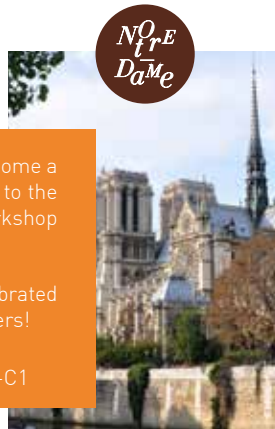
CLASSES

NEW FOCUS COURSE NOTRE-DAME THROUGH THE ARTS

Notre-Dame de Paris, a jewel of Gothic art, has become a fascinating myth for artists. From the Middle Ages to the present day through the romantic period, this workshop offers a journey into this iconic symbol of Paris!

Let's discover the greatest artists who have celebrated Notre-Dame: craftsmen, painters, musicians, writers!

5-26 May | 8 hours, \$200 | For students level B2-C1



FOR KIDS

HOLIDAY CAMPS



Voyage à Paris | Let's got to Paris!

Immerse your kid in the French language through workshops and activities designed to educate and entertain. For kids aged 3-4, 5-7, 8-11 & 12-16 years old. For all levels.

Week 1 – Let's visit the famous monuments in Paris

Week 2 – Art and culture in Paris

Week 3 – Paris, city of fashion

Week 4 – Food tour in Paris

30 May - 24 June

8 hours per week | Tuesday to Friday | 10.30am-12.30pm

From \$200 per week.

ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOP

In a tutorial-like creative setting, children will find out about architecture in a playful way with a professional architect to guide them. Workshop organised by Studio BTY and conducted in English.

Group 7-10 years old

8 & 15 June | 9am -12pm

2 x 3 hours – \$300

Group 11-13 years old

8 & 15 June | 2pm -5pm



ARTS & CRAFT AT THE LIBRARY

Bring the children for a fun-filled hands-on workshop using recycled materials:

20 Apr | 3.30pm & 27 Apr | 10.30am

Making a rose window (for 5-7 years old)

21 Apr | 3.30pm & 28 Apr | 10.30am

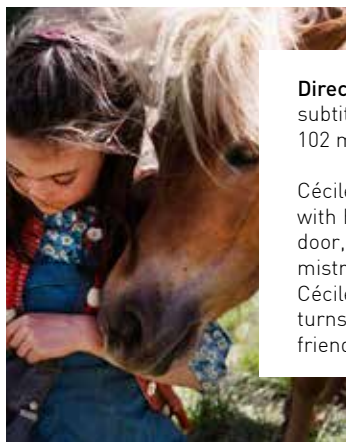
Making a 3D Notre-Dame model (for 7-9 years old)

30 minutes | Registration required

Free for AF members / \$5 for non-members



CINÉ-KIDS



POLY

Director: Nicolas Vanier | In French with English subtitles | **Rating:** TBC | **Genre:** Adventure, Family | 102 min, France, 2020

Cécile, 10 years old, moves to the south of France with her mother, Louise. When a circus moves in next door, Cécile discovers that Poly, the star pony, is being mistreated so she decides to organize his escape! Cécile and Poly embark on a journey full of twists and turns, a voyage of initiation and a beautiful story of friendship...

Saturday 21 May – 2pm

\$13.50 for AF members / \$15 for non-members

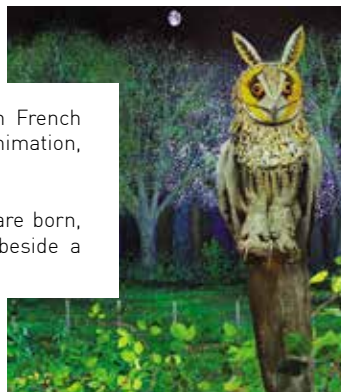
HELLO WORLD BONJOUR LE MONDE

Directors: Anne-Lise Koehler, Éric Serre | In French with English subtitles | **Rating:** TBC | **Genre:** Animation, Nature | 67 min, France, 2019

10 species of animals among so many others are born, live, and become accustomed to each other beside a river... They all shout: "Hello world!"

Sunday 12 June – 4pm

\$13.50 for AF members / \$15 for non-members



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