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**The 18<sup>th</sup> FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**

**November 18 to 25, 2015 in Prague, November 19 to 25 in Brno, České Budějovice and Ostrava, November 23 to 29 in Hradec Králové.**

The French Institute in Prague, the French Embassy in the Czech Republic and UniFrance film organise the traditional French Film Festival. The 18<sup>th</sup> edition will take place in November in Prague, Brno, České Budějovice, Ostrava and Hradec Králové.

**Pre-premieres**

The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the French Film Festival features twelve pre-premieres, in particular the comedy *The Brand New Testament* by Jaco Van Dormael and *My Golden Days*, the latest film by Arnaud Desplechin. These two outstanding films were screened at this year's Cannes Festival as part of the Directors' Fortnight; the section also includes the widely acclaimed comedy *The Bélier Family* starring Louane Emera who won the César award for the Most Promising Actress for her performance in the film. Another film to discover is the original comedy by Jean-Pierre Améris *A Family for Rent* as well as the latest film by Benoît Jacquot *Diary of a Chambermaid*, a story of a beautiful and ambitious maidservant working for a wealthy family in the French countryside. The Festival will also thrill young audience with the famous story of *The Little Prince* adapted into an animated feature film by Mark Osborne. The twelve pre-premieres will be screened in cooperation with the distribution companies A-COMPANY CZ, Aerofilms, Film Europe, Film Distribution Artcam and Mirius FD.

**Czech Critics' Choice**

In Prague, the Festival's competition section Czech Critics' Choice will offer new films that have been successfully screened at international film festivals but do not have a distributor in the Czech Republic yet. The selected films will compete for the TV5MONDE Audience Award. The section will feature namely *The Clearstream Affair*, a thriller by Vincent Garenq, the comedy *Nos femmes* by Richard Berry and two drama films *Winter Song* by Otar Iosseliani and *The Measure of a Man* directed by Stéphane Brizé (the lead actor Vincent Lindon won the Best Actor award at Cannes). The section will also feature Philippe Le Guay's film *Floride* starring Jean Rochefort in the role of a father suffering from dementia.

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**ELLE(S) Section**

The cycle ELLE(S) is dedicated to French iconic actresses appearing in films that have since become classics. It will show the blending of film and fashion in a documentary about the history of the ELLE magazine directed by David Teboul - *Et ELLE créa la femme*. The film includes exclusive interviews with fashion designers, editors in chief and sociologists and the archive footage used shows the spirit and trends of the last sixty years.

Beside the unique documentary on the history of the ELLE magazine, the section will also feature films with famous actresses from the 1960s and 1970s such as Brigitte Bardot, Catherine Deneuve, Jeanne Moreau, Isabelle Huppert, Fanny Ardant or Anna Karina. The festival pays tribute to them by screening cult films by Jean-Luc Godard, François Truffaut and Jacques Demy, namely *Contempt*, *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg*, *Jules and Jim*, *Every Man for Himself* and *Pierrot le Fou*.

The screening of the documentary film *Et ELLE créa la femme* by David Teboul will be followed by two other documentaries by the same director dedicated to the icon of the French haute-couture Yves Saint Laurent - *Yves Saint Laurent, 5, avenue Marceau*, offering an insight into his prestigious fashion house, and *Yves Saint Laurent: Le temps retrouvé*, the life-story of the fashion designer.

After the ELLE(S) Section screenings, a round table with the editor in chief of the ELLE magazine in the Czech Republic, Andrea Běhounková, and other guests associated with the magazine will be held.

The accompanying programme of the French Film Festival includes an exhibition of film posters from the 1960s in the Galerie 35 of the French Institute in Prague set up in cooperation with the National Film Archive.

**Top movies**

This year as every year, the audience will be able to enjoy once again films released in Czech cinemas in 2014/2015 which are not screened anymore. The section will feature namely the film *Dheepan* by Jacques Audiard, a story of a Sri Lankan immigrant, that won the Palme d'Or at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival. Another film awarded at Cannes is the romantic drama *Mon Roi* with Emmanuelle Bercot who won the Best Actress award. The section will also feature several films for children, including *Yellowbird* or *Mune, the Guardian of the Moon*.

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**Short Film Evening**

The 18<sup>th</sup> French Film Festival will not fail to offer the popular *Short Film Evening* in Prague, Brno, České Budějovice, Hradec Králové and Ostrava.

The Festival takes place in eight partner cinemas – movie theatres belonging to the Europa Cinemas network (Prague - Kino 35 at the French Institute, Lucerna, Světozor, Brno – Scala, České Budějovice – Kotva, Hradec Králové – Bio Central, Ostrava – Minikino) and CineStar Anděl multiplex.

All films are screened in their original version with Czech subtitles or dubbed into Czech. The ticket price per screening is CZK 100.

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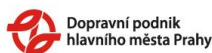
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