

# Alliance Française

de San Francisco

Events 2007

April • May • June

## TRAVEL

Walk Across France  
with Rod and Cena Bessolo  
Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm

Join two intrepid travelers for a multimedia presentation of their 750 km trek on the pilgrimage route of Saint-Jacques de Compostelle in France. Language: English. \$6 members/\$8 non-members.

## FRENCH POLITICS AND SOCIETY

French Presidential Elections 2007  
Wednesday, April 18 at 7pm

Ever wonder how the French elect their leaders? The Alliance Française de San Francisco (AFSF) invites you to a lecture on the 2007 election by Jonah Levy, Associate Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley. Language: English. \$6 members/\$8 non-members.

Live Coverage of the  
French Presidential Election Results  
Sunday, May 6 from 10am-12pm

Join us Sunday morning for croissants, coffee and a live feed of election coverage from French television network TV5. Cast your mock vote upon arrival and see if France agrees! Language: French. Free admission.

Lecture by French Sociologist  
Hugues Lagrange

Wednesday, May 9 at 7pm  
Since 1989, Hugues Lagrange has worked with the Observatoire Sociologique du Changement in Paris, and led the first national survey on sexual behavior and AIDS among French adolescents. In collaboration with the Délégation Générale de l'Alliance Française. Language: French. \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

## AUTHOR READINGS

Poetry Reading in English and French  
Thursday, April 19 at 7pm

Poet Phyllis Stowell's *Shield/ Le Bouclier* is a collaborative project that occurred during a six-month residence in the south of France. *Shield* is a dialogue between poet and painter, mother and daughter, age and youth, one in which both seek to confront apparent reality without expecting to encompass it or to ignore its mystery. Language: English and French. \$6 members/\$8 non-members.

New Julia Child Biography at the  
Mechanics' Institute

Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 pm  
AFSF co-sponsors the Mechanics' Institute presentation of a vivid new biography of Julia Child, America's favorite gourmand. *Newsweek* contributor Laura Shapiro highlights Child's passionate marriage, discovery of French cuisine and the creation of her groundbreaking television show *The French Chef*. Free to AFSF and Mechanics' Institute Members, Non-members \$10.  
**Mechanics' Institute**  
57 Post Street in San Francisco  
(415) 393-0100

Novelist Susan Vreeland Reads from  
Luncheon of the Boating Party

Tuesday, June 5 at 7pm  
*New York Times* bestselling novelist Susan Vreeland (*Girl in Hyacinth Blue*) reads from her new book, *Luncheon of the Boating Party*, which immortalizes the real Parisians in Renoir's beloved painting. Period music and slides will compliment the program. Book sales and signing at the event. Language: English. \$6 members/\$8 non-members.

## FILM

April in Paris Film Festival  
at the Mechanics' Institute

Every Friday in April at 6:30pm  
AFSF co-sponsors CinemaLit at the Mechanics' Institute for the month of April. All films are in French with English subtitles. Free to AFSF and Mechanics' Institute Members, Non-members \$10.  
*The Chambermaid on the Titanic* (1997)  
*Un Cœur en Hiver* (1992)  
*The Story of a Cheat* (1936)  
*A Self-Made Hero* (1996)  
For full schedule, go to:  
[www.milibrary.org/events](http://www.milibrary.org/events).

AFSF Co-sponsors the  
50th Annual San Francisco  
International Film Festival

April 26-May 10  
AFSF members will be granted the Community Access rate of \$10.00 for regularly priced film tickets only. Ticket purchasers are required to produce their AFSF membership card at the ticket outlet to receive this discount. Limit two film tickets per customer per film. Contact the San Francisco International Film Festival [www.sffs.org](http://www.sffs.org) (415) 561-5000.



Screening of Tintin and I  
Thursday, June 14 at 7pm

Join us for a screening of *Tintin and I*, a documentary by Anders OSTERGAARD on the life and times of the strip's enigmatic creator, Hergé. In collaboration with P.O.V., the acclaimed independent non-fiction film series on PBS. [www.pbs.org/pov](http://www.pbs.org/pov). Language: English. Free admission.

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## PERFORMING ARTS

Circus Baobab at the San Francisco  
International Arts Festival

Thursday, May 24 at 7pm  
Join us for a special French language performance of the globe-trotting Guinean nouveau cirque company, Circus Baobab. The company will perform their show *The Jumping Drums*. Spectacular and hilarious, the show also carries a social message and will delight people of all ages. Reduced tickets for AFSF members: \$20 adults, \$10 children.

**Project Artaud Theater**  
450 Florida Street in San Francisco  
For tickets call: (415) 439-2456

## MUSIC

Concert by Violinist Frédéric Pélassy  
Wednesday, May 23 at 7pm

Join French violin virtuoso Frédéric Pélassy for a program including Bach, Prokofiev, Ysaye and Paganini. In collaboration with the Délégation Générale de l'Alliance Française. \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

Special Offer from San Francisco Opera  
Shows runs June 14-29

San Francisco Opera is pleased to offer AFSF members 20% off regular ticket prices for *Iphigénie en Tauride*. Discount is available through special offer web page only, not by phone or in person, and expires June 22, 2007. To purchase tickets, go to [www.sfopera.com/offer](http://www.sfopera.com/offer) and enter offer code AFSF7. Please call AFSF with questions.

Photo: Dan Rest/Lyric Opera of Chicago

## ART EXHIBITS

Private Exhibit Tour  
at the Legion of Honor

Saturday, June 2 at 9am

RSVP to AFSF by May 21  
Enjoy the peace and quiet of the museum before it opens to the public while touring *Masterpieces of French Jewelry*. The exhibit begins with the sensuous Art Nouveau forms of René Lalique and Georges Fouquet and is followed by the daring and exotic creations of Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpels in the Art Deco era. Tickets sold at AFSF: \$20

**Legion of Honor**  
34th Avenue and Clement Street in San Francisco

Treasures of 20th Century Textile Design:  
Artifacts from the Old Ateliers of Lyon

March 31 through April 28

Reception on Friday, April 20, 5:00-8:00pm  
From sketch to runway, highly specialized ateliers of old Lyon have historically collaborated to produce many of haute couture's most famous fabrics. Here is a unique opportunity to appreciate rare fabric mill artifacts along with a series of original textile design sketches from the private collections of French Ellen Textiles.

Kim Frohsin: A Personal Selection  
April 30 through June 1

San Francisco artist Kim Frohsin has hand selected works to represent a retrospective from the 1990s to the present. Frohsin enjoys a stellar reputation as one of the Bay Area's finest artists and draws inspiration not only from the visual, but from the written word as well as musical composition.

Christian Joseph Angélique  
June 2 through July 2

Christian Joseph Angélique was born in Nantes and has since traveled around the world. From London to Perth, Dublin to San Diego and Paris to the High Sierras, this multimedia artist now resides in San Francisco and searches beauty in all its incarnations.

## SOIRÉES AT LA CAVE

Paella Night  
Friday, April 20 at 6pm, \$34.95 per person.

Mother's Day Lunch  
Sunday, May 13 at 11am, \$39.95 per person.  
Includes a flower for Mom and a complimentary glass of champagne per person.

Soirée Parisienne with entertainment  
Friday, May 25 at 6pm, \$45 per person.

**La Cave Bistro** is just next door to AFSF.  
Reservations required: (415) 923-1375.  
Tax and gratuity not included.

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