

JULY

Monet in Normandy at the Legion of Honor

June 17 - September 17, 2006 >> AFSF Members \$11 others \$15 >> More info: www.thinker.org

Claude Monet spent much of his life in Normandy in northern France and his art reflects his special relationship with this countryside and the seasonal rhythms of the region. Monet gained artistic inspiration from these subjects and returned to them throughout his career. Of particular interest is his interpretation of the sparkling, surging bodies of water found in Normandy, from the bustling commercial harbor at Le Havre, to scenery along the Seine, or the crashing waves at Etretat. Manmade monuments, such as Rouen cathedral, also figure in Monet's repertoire and will be represented in this selection of approximately 60 paintings.



11th Annual San Francisco Silent Film Festival

Saturday, July 15, 2006 >> 1.40pm > \$13 >> Castro Theater >> More info: www.silentfilm.org

Au Bonheur des dames (France, 1930, 120') directed by Julien Duvivier.

A country girl comes to Paris to seek work in her uncle's dress shop only to find that it's being run out of business by *Au bonheur des dames*, a giant department store. Taking a job there, she enters a strange new world where rampant consumerism meets head-on with romance, joy and grief.

26th San Francisco Jewish Film Festival

July 20 - August 7, 2006 >> Tickets and Info www.sfjff.org/ or call 925.275.9490

La Petite Jerusalem, (France, 2005, 96') Dir. Karin Albou, with Fanny Valette, Elsa Zylberstein, Bruno Todeschini.

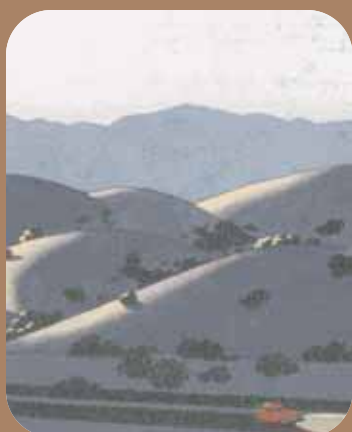
Eighteen-year-old Laura is torn between her Orthodox religious upbringing and the intellectual and physical pleasures of the secular world.

Castro Theatre Sat, Jul 22 7:15 PM

Local Call!!! (France, 2004, 102') Dir. Arthur Joffé, with Sergio Catilieto, Michel Serrault, Isabelle Gelinas...

While astronomer Felix Mandel's career and domestic life ascend in importance, his Jewish faith is in retrograde-until his dead father begins to harangue him with collect phone calls from the Great Beyond.

Castro Theatre Tue, Jul 25 10:00 PM



Art exhibit: Yan Nascimbene

July 1 - August 12, 2006 >> Opening reception: July 6, 2006 >> Free admission

Yan Nascimbene shared his childhood between France and Italy. He studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York and at the University of California at Davis. Nascimbene's illustrations have appeared in numerous publications worldwide, including *Time*, *The New York Times*, *Lire*, *L'Express*, *The Boston Globe*, and he has also worked for such renowned companies as Air France, Renault, Perrier, Apple, Bank of America. Nascimbene has over 50 books to his credit and has illustrated over 300 book covers for publishers in the United States, France, Italy and Japan.

Nascimbene's work has been widely exhibited in the United States, France, Japan, England, Switzerland and Italy. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Bologna International Graphic Award which he won three times, the Society of Illustrators' Silver Medal which he received twice, and the Society of Illustrators' Silver Medal.

3 Months / 3 Films: A selection of 3 award winning French Documentaries

Wednesdays @ 7pm >> AFSF >> AFSF Members \$3 Others \$6 >> In French w/ Subtitles

Wednesday, July 5, 2006

Paradis (Marie-Hélène Rebois, 2004, 100') -FIPA 2005-

Exploration of modern dance through the work of Spanish-born French choreographer José Montalvo...

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

Le Rossignol (Christian Chaudet, 2004, 50') -FIPA d'or 2005-

The Nightingale, Stravinsky's first opera, based on a fairytale by Hans Christian Andersen, is set in the magical world of the imperial court of China.

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Paul dans sa vie (Rémi Mauger, 2004, 100') - FIPA d'argent 2005-

Paul - farmer, fisherman and bachelor - 75, is about to retire. A world long spared by modernity is about to disappear.



AUGUST



The wines of the Rhône Valley: Wine tasting and light buffet

Thursday, August 17, 2006 >> 7pm >> AFSF >> \$20 AFSF members \$25 others >> Minimum required 15 persons

The wines of the Rhône Valley are the most varied in all of France. In the North there are single varietals like Syrah and Viognier. From the South the blends of up to 13 grapes to make beautiful rosés, luscious reds and aromatic white wines. Come taste the different varietals and styles. Some of the best value wines come from this region and are also the most food friendly.

Become more familiar with these wines, just in time for summer. They are great for picnics, brunches and dinner parties.

This wine tasting will include 5 wines (1 rosé, 1 white and 3 reds).

La Cave, the Restaurant at the Alliance Française

Known for its cozy Parisian underground atmosphere and its exquisite classic French Cuisine La Cave invites you to celebrate its 2 year anniversary on Wednesday, September 27th (Buffet and Surprise Entertainment. Reservations strongly suggested)

Banquets and private parties are available at your home or at the restaurant. All Alliance Française members will receive a 10% discount. (Not applicable to special events, classes and private parties)

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SEPTEMBER

Exhibit: "Atmospherics" A Two-Person Show by Painters Michele King and Diane Rollins Feissel
September 2-30, 2006 >> Opening reception: Thursday September 7, 6-8pm >> Free admission

In "Atmospherics," the artists explore connections between emotional states and physical landscapes via both abstract painting and abstracted representational painting.

Michele is inspired by intangible moments and feelings. Real and imagined. She explores these subtle yet important distinctions through color, organic forms, and metaphor in her paintings and mixed media works. > www.michelemking.com

Diane's work explores the overlap of psychological and physical space, and the relationship between the external and internal "worlds" or "atmospheres" of our existence. Diane received a B.A. in painting from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and continued art studies through classes at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She is represented in San Francisco by Hang Art Gallery. www.dianeandjohn.com



An Evening with... Khalil Bendib: "Cartoons that speak Truth to Power"

Thursday, September 21, 2006 @ 7pm >> AFSF >> AFSF Members \$7 Others \$10 >> In English

Khalil Bendib is a naturalized U.S. citizen residing in Berkeley who was born in Paris. He grew up in Morocco and Algeria before coming to California at age 20. He is well known both as an editorial cartoonist and artist. His cartoons have been featured in *USA Today*, *the New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *the San Francisco Chronicle* ... Mr. Bendib also hosts the radio show "Voices of the Middle East and North Africa" on KPFA. For more information on our guest, please visit www.bendib.com

Come and join us for an exquisite discussion with best-selling French author Philippe Claudel

Thursday, September 28, 2006 >> AFSF >> AFSF Members \$8 Others \$12 >> In French

Philippe Claudel was born in 1962. After teaching French in High-School, he began working in specialized centres for children with motor disabilities. During this time he also taught cultural anthropology and literature at the University of Nancy II. His experience of teaching in a prison inspired the novel *Le bruit des trousseaux* (Stock, 2002) His following novel *Les âmes grises* (Stock, 2003) was voted best book of the year 2003 by Lire magazine, awarded the Renaudot prize in 2003 and the Elle Readers' Literary prize in 2004. It has been translated into 23 languages, and released last June in the US under the title "By a Slow River" (Knopf, 2006). *La petite fille de Monsieur Linh* (Stock, 2005) released last year in France, was a major success. In 2004, Philippe Claudel was asked by the French publisher Stock to edit a new collection consisting of four novels a year based around the theme of wine. Also a scriptwriter, P. Claudel did the adaptation to the screen of *Les âmes grises* released in 2005.



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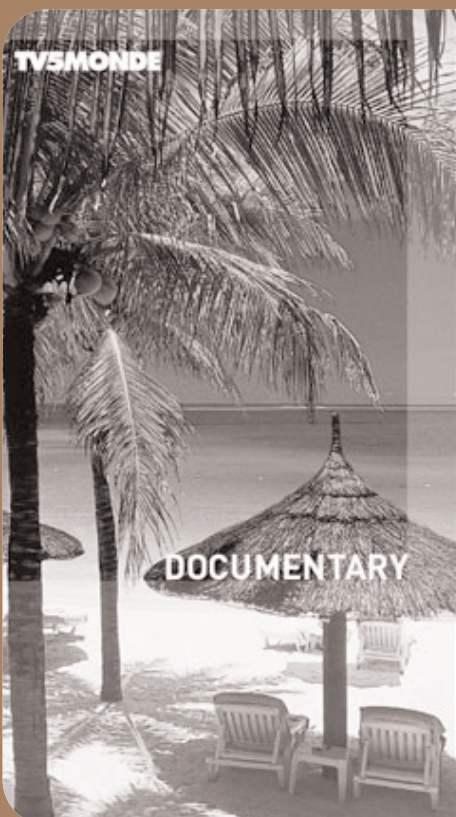
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