

DECEMBER 2007



**Art Exhibit: If You Can Believe Your Eyes And Ears – The Mix Tape**

Runs through December 22, 2007  
Ten artist exhibit. Curated by Jeffrey Hogan. City life can, at times, feel isolated and estranged yet wonderful. Unified by friendly alliance, the hope is that this artistic cross pollination seeds great things to come.



**SF Opera: Madama Butterfly de Pierre Loti**

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30pm  
Join Opera Center Director and soprano Sheri Greenawald for a pre-performance talk on the origins of Puccini's opera from Pierre Loti's classic 1904 novel, *Madame Chrysantheme*. Followed by SF Opera performance of *Madame Butterfly*. Offer available only online [www.sfopera.com/offer](http://www.sfopera.com/offer) Code: Alliance8  
Alliance members will be required to show membership card at will call.  
Special AFSF member price: \$21-\$127



**France's Hidden Children: Light is Seeded in the Darkness**

Hanukkah Dinner Celebration  
Friday, December 7, 6:00pm  
Many children escaped destruction during the Shoa with the help of non-Jews who gave them sanctuary. On lighting the 4th candle, join us with a group of hidden children from France as they share their precious and profound wisdom. Presented in partnership with the Alliance Française, the Holocaust Center of Northern California, and the French Consulate  
This program includes a kosher French dinner. Language: English  
Jewish Community Center of San Francisco 3200 California St, SF 415-292-1200  
\$35.00 AFSF members



**Spectacle: Cravate Club**

samedi le 8 et mercredi le 12 decembre, 20h  
un spectacle de Fabrice ROGER-LACAN  
avec Nicolas FAUCHIER-MAGNAN et Nizar MELKI  
Cravate club rencontre un vrai succès public, adaptée ensuite pour le cinéma et récompensée du Prix du Jeune Théâtre de l'Académie Française et nommée aux prix Molière (2001). Bernard et Adrien sont associés et amis de longue date. Lorsqu'Adrien annonce à Bernard qu'il ne pourra se rendre à sa fête d'anniversaire pourtant prévue depuis trois mois, tout s'envenime... Une pièce drôle, brillante, acide, sur l'amitié et ses contradictions. **En français.**  
Tickets: \$5 members / \$8 public at AFSF Reception or online at [www.cravateclubsf.com](http://www.cravateclubsf.com)



**Warriors vs. Spurs: French Heritage Night**

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30pm (Last day to sign up is Dec 4!)  
Tony Parker and the San Antonio Spurs take on Mickael Pietrus and the Golden State Warriors at the Oracle Arena in Oakland for an exciting night of basketball. Watch a pre-game Courtside Shootaround with your favorite French stars and Warriors stars Tim Duncan and Baron Davis warm up!  
AFSF members \$40 (Reg. \$48).  
Sign up at the Alliance Française Reception or call (415) 775-7755.



**CinéThursday: La Bûche (1999)**

Thursday, December 13, at 4:30pm and 7:00pm  
Starring Emmanuelle Beart and Charlotte Gainsbourg. Directed by Danielle Thompson  
A lighthearted French "Home for the Holidays".  
\$6 AFSF members, \$10 non-members  
In French with English subtitles.

**Raquel Bitton and Piaf...Her Story...Her Songs**

Saturday, December 15, 7:00pm  
French jazz singer Raquel Bitton is internationally praised as the greatest interpreter of music from the Edith Piaf repertoire. Bitton's award-winning documentary, celebrates Piaf's extraordinary life through stories and songs told by old friends and collaborators, including Francis Lai and Michel Rivgeauche. Raquel Bitton screens her award-winning docu-concert, followed by a revealing Q&A and an intimate wine reception.  
\$25 AFSF members and guests. Tickets sold at AFSF Reception or by phone (415) 775 - 7755. Availability Limited.

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**Art Exhibit: Moments of Being - Recent Work by Summer Lee and Meredith Tennent**

Thursday, January 3 through Friday, February 8  
Seemingly insignificant moments made powerful and memorable from the artists' complete awareness and stimulation. Lee and Tennent's work is inspired by their travels and strives to capture the moments of the ordinary in its true beauty -- seeing life, even if for just a moment, more clearly and fully.



**Who was Sally Hemings? With Ricki Stevenson of Black Paris Tours**

Friday, January 4, 7pm  
Her name evokes hundreds of years of mystery, hundreds of years of curiosity, hundreds of years of secrecy surrounding a story--now part of history--that wouldn't die (*Ebony* magazine). Ricki Stevenson reveals the woman behind the legendary seduction that began off the Champs Elysées and became a lifelong affair with Thomas Jefferson. Ricki Stevenson and Black Paris Tours have been featured in *Fodor's Guide to Paris*, *Emerge Magazine*, *Stanford Magazine*, *San Francisco Chronicle Magazine*, *Wall Street Journal*, *France Guide*, and *Black Enterprise Magazine*.  
\$10 members / \$12 public



**Madame Campan; First-Lady-In-Waiting**

Tuesday, January 15, 7pm  
One of Marie Antoinette's closest and most faithful attendants, Madame Campan's memoirs paint a dramatic portrait of Marie Antoinette's personal and political life during the unraveling madness of a revolution. Mme Campan remained by her side until her infamous last days. Dr. Carla Hesse of UC Berkeley provides us a unique and intimate perspective of one of history's most fascinating women.  
\$10 members / \$12 public



**Marie Antoinette and the Petit Trianon Exhibit at the Legion of Honor / Cinema Supper Club: Amadeus (1984)**

Thursday, January 17, 5:30pm  
Marie-Antoinette's Petit Trianon at Versailles was an icon of French neoclassicism. This exhibition gives a visual history of the Petit Trianon through 88 pieces of the finest furniture, paintings, and sculpture from this château. This is the only venue of the exhibition, which is organized by the Musée National of the Château de Versailles. Exhibit opens at 5:30pm followed by Cinema Supper Club Film: *Amadeus* at 8pm.  
Discounted tickets for AFSF members buys entry to exhibit and film  
Sign up at the AFSF Reception by January 3  
\$20 AFSF members



**Le Select Crowd: Literary Cafes of Paris with Noel Riley Fitch**

Tuesday, January 22, 7pm  
Acclaimed author Noel Riley Fitch guides us through the smoky scene made famous in *The Sun Also Rises*, frequented by literary luminaries Hemingway, Picasso, Henry Miller, not to forget Bill Murray and Isadora Duncan. *Le Select Crowd* has been featured on CBS News.  
\$10 AFSF members / \$12 public

## February 2008: Paris Noir

This month, the Alliance Française celebrates the African American experience in France.

### Ne Me Quitte Pas - Kim Nalley sings Nina Simone

Friday, February 22, 7pm

Kim Nalley stunningly interprets one of the most unmistakable voices in soul music, that of **Nina Simone**. Kim Nalley, one of the "Ten Most Influential African Americans in the Bay Area," is an internationally acclaimed jazz & blues vocalist, actress, bandleader and producer residing in San Francisco after several years in Europe. She is the owner of one of the top jazz clubs world wide; Jazz at Pearl's. \$20 AFSF members / \$25 public

### Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light - A Lecture with Tyler Stovall

Tuesday, February 5, 7pm

In "Paris Noir" Tyler Stovall writes about an inversion of the American myth of success; a group that had to leave the United States in order to make good. They were the African-American expatriates who made new lives for themselves in Paris. This comprehensive look at black Americans' historical affection for Paris in the 20th century covers figures like Richard Wright, Josephine Baker, and Sidney Bechet and Kenny Clarke, as well as black academics, scientists and businessmen who found new lives in Paris. \$10 AFSF members / \$12 public

### CineThursday: Chasing the Rainbow (1986), a Josephine Baker documentary

Thursday, February 7, 5pm and 7pm

This rare documentary by Mick Csikky chronicles the life of the legendary performer **Josephine Baker**, from her beginnings in La Revue Nègre, to receiving the Croix de Guerre from Gen. de Gaulle, her "rainbow tribe" of twelve adopted children, to her standing ovations at Carnegie Hall just before her death in 1975. The film includes interviews with Josephine Baker herself. \$8 AFSF members / \$10 public

### Keren Ann with Dean & Britta at Yoshi's San Francisco

Saturday, February 16, 9pm

Sounding like a mix between a French Cat Power and Françoise Hardy, Keren Ann's songs are charmingly seductive. The Israel-born, Paris-bred musician brings her ethereal folk to San Francisco with Dean and Britta of Luna. Tickets for Sale Online From January 2 [www.yeshis.com](http://www.yeshis.com) : \$18 - \$22

### Art Exhibit: Ecoutant le Vent; Employant l'Intangible (Listening to the Wind, Using the Intangible) works by Justin Hoover

Public Reception and Artist Lecture (in French) Saturday March 1, 8pm. Runs through Wednesday, April 9

A mover-and-shaker of the SF art scene, Hoover's art has a spontaneous energy and a refined form, making the work alive and calm, fresh and deep, playful and serious all at the same time. His work reflects a meditative serenity, while containing a fearless, yet thoughtful elegance. Hoover is curator of the Garage Biennale and is on the board of directors for ArtSeed, an arts-based education nonprofit.



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