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PRESS RELEASE

The Alliance Française of Greenwich, CT., French Feeling Films and Tournées Festival present in partnership with Purchase College,

FOCUS ON FRENCH CINEMA 2006

Our second annual Festival of French Cinema will be held March 24-26 at the Pepsico Theater in The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College.

The event is placed under the Patronage of the Consul General of France in New York, Mr. François Delattre.

Focus on French Cinema will feature eight French Films, including a family film for all ages and a Canadian film in French. The selection includes *La Petite Lili*, the 2003 critically acclaimed movie directed by Claude Miller starring Ludivine Sagnier (Peter Pan), *Brodeuses*, (2004) by Eleonore Faucher, an emerging young director, *Les Soeurs Fachées* (2004), starring Isabelle Huppert and Catherine Frot, and an opening night US Premier, the powerful *Le Petit Lieutenant* (2005), directed by Xavier Beauvois, starring Nathalie Baye (Catch Me If You Can) and Jali Lespert (Human Resources).

All films will be screened in 35mm with English subtitles.

Well known French directors and actors have been invited along with many respected professionals within the film industry to lead various discussions and workshops. The Opening Night US Premier, introduced by David Schwartz, Director and Chief Curator of The Museum of the Moving Image, will be followed by a Q&A with the director. Other events will include a Meet the Director Breakfast on Saturday morning, March 25, and workshops and discussions on the Purchase College campus.

An "Après-Théâtre" buffet, prepared by our French Chefs including Restaurant Jean-Louis, Meli-Melo, La Bonne Cuisine among others will be served at the Performing Arts Center following the US Premier.

Tickets will be available through the festival website at www.focusonfrenchfilm.org

The Alliance Française of Greenwich is a non-profit organization that encourages educational and cultural programs designed to strengthen ties with the French and American communities in the area. FOCUS ON FRENCH CINEMA 2006 is part of this effort.

FOCUS ON FRENCH CINEMA is organized by the Alliance Française of Greenwich, with French Feeling Films, a US distribution company, Tournées, a program of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture (CMC) in partnership with Purchase College, the Westchester Accueil, and the Greenwich Arts Council.

All films are subject to change.



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