

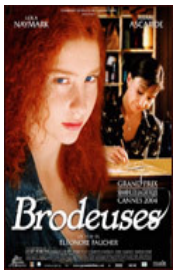
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The Festival of French Cinema, Focus on French Film 2006 will be held March 24- 26 in the Pepsico Theater at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College.

The Alliance Francaise second annual festival will feature nine French Films, including a family film and a possible Canadian film.



All films will be screened in 35mm with English subtitles. The selection currently includes La Petite Lili, the 2003 critically acclaimed movie directed by Claude Miller starring Ludevine Sagnier(Peter Pan), Brodeuses(2004) by Eleonore Faucher, an emerging young director, Les Soeurs Fachees(2004) starring Isabelle Huppert and Catherine Frot and an Opening Night US Premiere.



We are inviting well known French directors and actors to join us for a weekend of discussions and workshops. The opening night US Premiere will be introduced by David Schwartz, Director and Chief Curator of the Museum of the Modern Image. For those who attended last year, David Schwartz introduced and led a Q&A with Coline Serreau, director of our opening night film- CHAOS- We are very excited to have him join us again this year.



Opening night : standing ovation to Coline Serreau

The Pepsico Theater offers us a wonderful location for another “Apres-Theatre” buffet, prepared again by our French Chefs including Jean-Louis of restaurant Jean-Louis, Meli-Melo, La Bonne Cuisine and others.

Joining us this year, in addition to our loyal partners , Purchase College, Tournées Festival and The Greenwich Arts Council are French Feeling Films, a distributor of French Films and the Westchester Accueil , a welcome service for Francophone families new to Westchester County that currently has 350 members.



Patrick Gimenez, Philippe Muyl and Coline Serreau

The Festival of French Cinema – Focus on French Cinema 2006 is, in our opinion, a very important event for The Alliance Francaise. Through the powerful medium of film, and great French Cinema, the Alliance Francaise is reaching out to an audience of Francophiles, Francophones and anyone interested in French movies. We

are offering a unique opportunity for our members and friends to participate in a special annual event that showcases French Cultural diversity beyond the usual preconceived image.

We are also interested in involving as many members of the community. If you are interested in volunteering please call Leigh Gage at the Alliance Francaise office- 203-629-1340 and she will refer you to one of us.

We are very excited about Focus on French Cinema 2006. Please go to our website www.focusonfrenchcinema.org and join us for an “evenement extraordinaire”

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