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## French Film Festival 26 November – 9 December 2024 at Ciné Lumière

The French Film Festival is back at Ciné Lumière from 26 November to 9 December 2024 with a curated programme of French and Francophone films, mostly UK Premieres, spreading over 60 screenings.

Talents in attendance include actor and director **Mathieu Amalric** and filmmakers **Abderahmane Sissako**, **Jean-Marie Larrieu**, **Arnaud Larrieu**, **Claire Simon**, **Emmanuel Mouret**, **Payal Kapadia**, **Isabelle Prim** and **Yolande Zauberman**.

The festival opens on **Tuesday 26 November** with the UK Premiere of *Jim's Story* attended by directors **Jean-Marie** and **Arnaud Larrieu** and lead actor **Karim Leklou**.

This year's edition at Ciné Lumière includes more than 30 films, some of them just released in France to great acclaim, such as *L'amour ouf (Beating Hearts)* starring **Adèle Exarchopoulos** and **François Civil**, *Ma vie ma gueule (This Life of Mine)* with **Agnès Jaoui**, or *Souleymane's Story* by **Boris Lojkine** which was awarded the Jury Prize and Best Actor Prize in the Un Certain Regard selection at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Other highlights include **Quentin Dupieux's** *The Second Act* which opened this year's Cannes Film Festival, *Marcello Mio* by **Christophe Honoré** starring **Catherine Deneuve** and **Chiara Mastroianni**, *Emmanuelle* by **Audrey Diwan**, a feminist update of the original 1970s film directed by Just Jaeckin, and *Three Friends* starring **Camille Cottin**, which will be presented by its director **Emmanuel Mouret**.

The selection includes **Artus's** debut film *Un petit truc en plus (A Little Something Extra)* a smashing hit in France with over 10 million viewers, making it the 9<sup>th</sup> best-selling film in French cinema history and the most loved comedy of the year. The film will be **released exclusively at Ciné Lumière from 2 December**.

Londoners will also have a chance to attend a special screening of *Black Tea* and meet veteran filmmaker **Abderahmane Sissako** (*Bamako, Timbuktu*) and actor **Nina Mélo**.

**Mathieu Amalric** will present his latest film, *Before It's Too Late*, a behind-the-scenes documentary about the Emerson String Quartet, and introduce *Filmlovers!*, **Arnaud Desplechin's** celluloid love letter to the magic of cinema.

Several other documentaries are showcased, including *Elementary* and *The Belle from Gaza*. Documentary filmmaker **Sophie Fiennes** will chair the Q&As with their respective directors, **Claire Simon** and **Yolande Zauberman**. In partnership with the International Documentary Festival of Marseille (FID Marseille), three documentaries are shown, including *The Wolves*, presented by director **Isabelle Prim**.

Completing the wide array of film genres and styles on offer, animated films, such as *Savages* by **Claude Barras** (*My Life as a Courgette*), are on the menu too.

Classics are brought back to the big screen thanks to recent 4K restorations, such as the iconic *La Boum* by **Claude Pinoteau**, and *La Cérémonie*, as part of Ciné Lumière's Chabrol retrospective.

[Full Programme](#)

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