



Friday 26 May 6.30pm - 150 MILLIGRAMS (LA FILLE DE BREST) DRAMA 128 MINS 2016 MA
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Adults: \$15

Concession: \$13 (AF members, concessions, seniors)

Child 13 and under: \$10

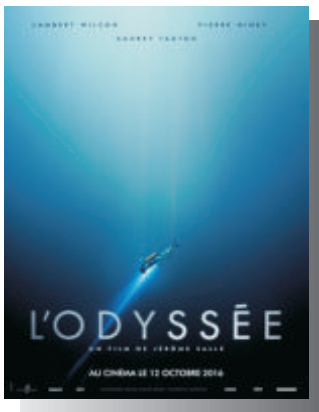
Festival Pass (5 films): \$65 non-members (save \$10)

\$55 concessions/seniors (save \$10)

\$50 AF members with 2017 membership (save \$15)

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150 MILLIGRAMS (LA FILLE DE BREST)

DRAMA 128 MINS 2016 MA

Directed by EMMANUELLE BERCOT

Stars Sidse Babett Knudsen, Benoit Magimel, Charlotte Laemmle

Based on a true story. A provincial doctor from the town of Brest, Brittany, led the way in exposing one of the biggest public health scandals in recent French history. A drug intended for diabetics was prescribed to a wider market, people trying to lose weight. Hundreds of patients died and many more would have followed if the pharma lab Servier had not been exposed. It turns out about 500 deaths were linked to the drug, and most of the deceased were women.

With quiet forcefulness, Bercot and screenwriter Severine Bosschem evoke how gender issues play a part in this complex story, from the way Irene is sometimes patronized by her male peers, to how it affects her home life. Even the film's French title *La Fille de Brest* points to the way Irene's opponents sought to diminish her as mere provincial "girl" from the sticks.

Saturday 27 May 2 pm

A BAG OF MARBLES (UN SAC DE BILLES)

DRAMA 112 MINS 2016 M

Directed by CHRISTIAN DUGUAY

Stars Dorian Le Clech, Patrick Bruel, Batyste Fleurial, Elsa Zylberstein

Based on the acclaimed memoirs of Joseph Joffo, *A Bag of Marbles* brings his incredible story to the screen as it follows the experiences of two young Jewish boys living in France during World War II.

When Joseph Joffo was ten years old, his father (Patrick Bruel, *Love at First Child*) gave him and his brother Maurice some money and a map and sent them on a dangerous mission to escape Nazi-occupied Paris in 1941. Making their way to the demilitarised zone in the South, the boys become unavoidably caught in the whirlwind of war. Aided by the occasional kind soul, the two young boys swerve and dart through obstacles set by Nazi soldiers to avoid the dreadful fate of so many others in this situation. Christian Duguay is a filmmaker well versed on World War II issues and his skilled direction combined with immaculate period detail and stunning scenery of the French countryside make this an essential and moving story told from a unique perspective.

Saturday 27 May 5pm

THE ODYSSEY (L'ODYSSÉE)

ADVENTURE 122 mins MINS 2015 PG

Directed by JÉRÔME SALLE

Stars Lambert Wilson, Pierre Niney, Audrey Tautou, Vincent Heneine

Jérôme Salle's dazzling biopic of the chaotic life of celebrity oceanographer Jacques Cousteau.

It is 1943 and the eccentrically ambitious naval officer Cousteau (Lambert Wilson) dreams of adventure. His magnificent new invention of the Aqua-Lung promises to bring him just that. Newly armed with the ability to breathe underwater for long periods of time, Cousteau dedicates his life's work to his obsession with the sea, becoming the first to create underwater films that dazzle audiences worldwide.

His success comes at a cost, however, as his wife Simone (Audrey Tautou) and sons Philippe (Pierre Niney) and Jean-Michel (Benjamin Lavernhe) struggle to keep up with Cousteau's fierce and unfailing determination, the ultimate price of which is yet to come. Through a dazzling array of global exploration locations, we undertake this journey almost as if a member of Cousteau's crew. **English & French with English subtitles**

Sunday 28 May 2 pm

PLANETARIUM (PLANETARIUM)

DRAMA 105 MINS 2016 M

Directed by REBECCA ZLOTOWSKI

Stars Natalie Portman, Lily-Rose Depp, Emmanuel Salinger, Louis Garrel

Natalie Portman and Lily-Rose Depp star as two American sisters travelling through Europe in this gorgeously luscious pre-war drama directed.

Gifted with the power to connect with the spiritual world, the quiet and ethereal teenager Kate (Depp) performs a clairvoyant act on stage to bewildered audiences while her elder sister Laura (played by the radiant and majestic Portman) negotiates her bookings and fees behind the scenes. Broke and searching for their big break, the girls arrive in a dazzling, champagne-soaked Paris, where they meet the movie-producer André Korben (Emmanuel Salinger) who is enchanted by their spiritualism and decides he wants to shoot the sisters' séances as part of an ambitious new film. However, the uncertainty of the sister's relationship with each other and with Anton forms a toxic combination.

Sunday 28 May 5 pm

MISTER CHOCOLAT (CHOCOLAT)

DRAMA 105 MINS 2016 M

Directed by ROSCHDY ZEM

Stars Omar Sy, James Thierrée, Noémie Lvovsky, Frédéric Pierrot

The fascinating rise-and-fall story of the first popular Afro-Cuban artist of the French stage. Lavishly set in stunning Belle Époque Paris, it is beautifully realised through the energised performances of Omar Sy (*The Intouchables*) and real-life circus-performer and grandson of Charlie Chaplin, James Thierrée.

During the late 1800s, former slave Chocolat (Sy) is making a living in a provincial French circus performing the role of a tooth-baring cannibal named Kalanka, a novel spectacle for the country people who have never seen a black man before.

He impresses established performer George Footit (Thierrée) who takes him under his wing and they develop a routine which catapults them to stardom, glamour and riches in Paris' Nouveau Cirque. However Chocolat's desire for equality begins to take hold. *Mister Chocolat* blends sharp and impressive physical comedy with moving compassion, gloriously restoring the great legacy of this trail blazing artist.

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