FRENCH CLUB FILM SERIES

Fall 2018: “La Francophonie cachée”

Join the French Club this semester in viewing a variety of films, each one focusing on parts of the French-speaking world that have been historically less represented in French-language media. This selection chronicles the stories of colonial dynamics, of traditional music and dance, of cross-cultural romance, and of a journey to discover one’s roots.

Chocolat (1988)

Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm, Geology Building 126

1h 45m, rated PG-13. Starring Isaach De Bankolé, Giulia Boschi, François Cluzet. A young French woman returns to the vast silence of West Africa to contemplate her childhood days in a colonial outpost in Cameroon. Her strongest memories are of the family’s houseboy, Protee - a man of great nobility, intelligence and beauty - and the intricate nature of relationships in a racist society. (IMDb)

La nuit de la vérité (2004)

Friday, September 28, 7:00 pm, Geology Building 126

1h 40m, not rated in the U.S. Starring Moussa Cissé, Georgette Paré, Adama Ouédraogo. La Nuit de la Vérité is situated in an imaginary West African country where after ten years of civil war between the government army of the Nayak, led by 'Le président', and the Bonande rebels led by Colonel Theo, there is some sign of peace negotiations. But not everyone is in favor of peace and one can feel the tension. The night of truth starts with a festive dinner, but the village idiot Tomoto always seems capable of ruining the attempts for peace with violence and provocation. (IMDb)

Incendies (2010)

Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm, Geology Building 126

2h 11m, rated R. Starring Lubna Azabal, Mélissa Désormeaux-Poulin, Maxim Gaudette. A mother’s last wishes send twins Jeanne and Simon on a journey to the Middle East in search of their tangled roots. Adapted from Wajdi Mouawad’s acclaimed play, Incendies tells the powerful and moving tale of two young adults’ voyage to the core of deep-rooted hatred, never-ending wars and enduring love. (IMDb)

Biguine (2005)

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 pm, Geology Building 126

1h 30m, not rated in the U.S. Starring Helena Holmes, Micheline Mona, Max Télépêche. Abandoning the plantation where they work, Hermansia and Tiquitaque, a pair of musicians, decide to settle in Saint-Pierre, the cultural center of the Caribbean at that time. Our heroes intend to make a living by their music, but they’re quickly brought down to earth. In Saint-Pierre, Western music is all the rage and their plantation “folklore” falls on deaf ears. And so begins a long period adrift during which our heroes discover these new sounds that have come from another world. (Unifrance)

Questions? Comments?

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