

French Club Films Spring 2021

Come check out this semester's "*La philosophie et la maturité*" inspired lineup of animated films. At times cartoons can be light-hearted and at others serious, covering topics such as slavery, prejudice, faith, and loss. But have no fear; every film in this lineup has an uplifting or encouraging ending! Everyone is welcome to come, and all films will have French audio with English subtitles. Thank you to the IUB Department of French & Italian for making this possible.



Zarafa (2012)

Friday, February 5, 6:00pm, [Link to US Trailer](#)

1h 15m, rated PG. The story opens with a pair of Sudanese children captured when white traders burn their villages and take them as slaves. Maki (Max Renaudin) escapes and winds up far from home. Inspired by the story of the first giraffe to reach France, as an 1827 gift from Egyptian viceroy Mehemet Ali to King Charles X, plenty of time is spent on the road and in the air, exploring fabulously rich environments (The Dissolve).



Ernest et Célestine (2012)

Friday, February 26, 6:00pm, [Link to US Trailer](#)

1h 15m, rated PG. Deep below snowy, cobblestone streets, tucked away in networks of winding subterranean tunnels, lives a civilization of hardworking mice, terrified of the bears who live above ground. Unlike her fellow mice, Célestine is an artist and a dreamer – and when she nearly ends up as breakfast for ursine troubadour Ernest, the two form an unlikely bond. It's like a gorgeous water painting brought to life (GKIDS)!



Le Chat du rabbin (2011)

Monday, March 8, 4:30pm, [Link to US Trailer](#)

1h 25m, not rated. Based on the best-selling graphic novel by Joann Sfar, this film tells the story of a rabbi and his talking cat - a sharp-tongued feline philosopher brimming with scathing humor. Rich with the colors, textures, flavors and music of Mediterranean Africa, the film embarks on a cross continent adventure from colonial Algiers to Maghrebi tent camps and deep blue Saharan nights in search of a lost Ethiopian city (Kanopy).



Ma vie de Courgette (2016)

Monday, April 12, 4:30pm, [Link to US Trailer](#)

1h 5min, rated PG-13. This film tells the story of an orphaned boy who slowly comes to find love and friendship at his new orphanage. All the children come from troubled backgrounds, and initially Courgette has a hard time adjusting. He's bullied by Simon, although they later become friends, and he's fascinated by the gentle Camille, who might be taken away by her terrible aunt for the child-support money (The Harvard Crimson).

All films shown via Zoom (<https://iu.zoom.us/j/7820841918>)

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