



June 2019 Newsletter

Alliance Française-Lansing June Calendar

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French Film coming to Celebration Cinema, Lansing and Studio C, Meridian Mall

Non-Fiction

Stars: Juliette Binoche, Guillaume Canet, Christa Théret, Vincent Macaigne, Charles Gillibert

Directed by: Olivier Assayas

Synopsis: Set in the Parisian publishing world, an editor and an author find themselves in over their heads, as they cope with a middle-age crisis, the changing industry and their wives.

Please check with the box office for show times.

Fête de la musique : 21 Juin

The **Fête de la Musique**, also known as **Music Day**,^[1] **Make Music Day**,^{[2][3]} or **World Music Day**,^[4] is an annual music celebration that takes place on 21 June. On Music Day the citizens of a city or country are allowed and urged to play music outside in their neighborhoods or in public spaces and parks. Free concerts are also organized, where musicians play for fun and not for payment.

The first all-day musical celebration on the day of the [summer solstice](#) was originated by the French Minister of Culture, Jack Lang, and by Maurice Fleuret, and was first celebrated in Paris in 1982. Music Day later became celebrated in 120 countries around the world.^[5]

In October 1981, [Maurice Fleuret](#) became Director of Music and Dance at [Minister of Culture Jack Lang](#)'s request, and applied his reflections to the musical practice and its evolution: "the music everywhere and the concert nowhere". When he discovered, in a 1982 study on the cultural habits of the French, that five million people, one young person out of two, played a musical instrument, he began to dream of a way to bring people out on the streets. It first took place in 1982 in Paris as the Fête de la Musique.^[6]

Ever since, the festival has become an international phenomenon, celebrated on the same day in more than 700 cities in 120 countries, including China,^[7] India, Germany, Italy, Greece, Russia, Australia, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Canada, the United States,^[8] the UK, and Japan.^[9]

Fête de la Musique's purpose is to promote music in two ways:

- Amateur and professional musicians are encouraged to perform in the streets, under the slogan "*Faites de la musique*" ("Make music"), a [homophone](#) of *Fête de la Musique*.
- Many free concerts are organized, making all genres of music accessible to the public. Two of the caveats to being sanctioned by the official Fête de la Musique organization in Paris are that all concerts must be free to the public, and all performers donate their time free of charge. This is true of most participating cities as well.

Despite there being a large tolerance by the general public about the performance of music by amateurs in public areas after the usual hours, noise restrictions still apply and can cause some establishments to be forbidden to remain open and broadcast music out of their doors without prior authorization. This means that the prefectures of police in France can still forbid individuals, groups, or establishments to install any audio hardware in the street.^[10]

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Wanted: House sitter(s): November 2019

American friends of ours own a house in Vaison la Romaine and are returning to the US for five weeks. They are looking for someone who will stay at their house from the end of October until December 6 and take care of their cat. If you are interested, please contact Judy Miller: judy.in.paris@gmail.com.

AF-Lansing Member survey of French Consumerism

I have created a short survey to determine where our members shop for things French. Part of the goal is selfish: I would like to know good locations to find French items. Part of the goal is to identify favorite or new businesses that offer French items.

The survey is only five questions. It should take only a minute or two. We will print the results in the July newsletter.

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HJKDZRL> to take the survey.

If you have questions about the survey or ideas on improving it or the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me. *N'hésitez pas à me contacter.*