

March
2021



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Une saison qui se dessine



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The French language is a mosaic bringing together over 300 million speakers and countless cultures. Under the Francophone banner, dozens of thousands of Kenyans sought to express their creativity, talents and open themselves to a world of opportunities.

A season of cartoons and animation. Wished to highlight that the language is diverse and through numerous colors they sought to illustrate their creativity under the theme: A season of cartoons and animation.

The Embassies of Belgium, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Tunisia and Switzerland, alongside the Lycee Français, Alliances françaises and francophone civil society organisations have prepared a colourful program of events. Throughout this month, in Nairobi, Mombasa, Eldoret and on your screens, we will merrily gather around many events, of course strictly adhering to the set health protocols: film screenings, live shows, reading sessions, virtual conferences, exhibitions, literary, scientific and sports events.

Together, we will explore our cultures and share their values of openness, universal learning, sustainable development and gender equality.

Special Francophone Film Screenings with English Subtitles



1st of March
A couch in Tunis
by Manele Labidi

2019 - Comedy - 1h30
Franco-Tunisian film

After practicing in France, Selma, 35, opened her psychoanalysis practice in a working-class suburb of Tunis. In the aftermath of the Revolution, demand is high in this «schizophrenic» country. But between those who take Freud and his beard for a Muslim brother and those who confuse paid sessions with «paid services», the beginnings of the firm are eventful ... While Selma finally begins to find her marks, she discovers that she is missing a authorization required ...

6 pm

COVID-19 safety and hygiene protocols apply.



8 MARCH
ATLANTIQUE
by Mati Diop

2019/Drama/1h44

In a working-class suburb of Dakar, construction workers building a futuristic tower decide to leave the country by sea for a better future having not been paid for months. Among them is Souleiman, the lover of Ada, who has been promised to another



15 March
NOTRE-DAME DU NIL
(OUR LADY OF THE NILE)
d'Atiq Rahimi

2020/Historic/Drama/1h33

Rwanda, 1973. Our lady of the Nile is a prestigious Catholic boarding school perched high on a gill, where teenage girls are groomed to be the Rwandan elite. They share the same dormitory, the same dreams and concerns. But deep-seated antagonisms begin to rumble, changing these young girls' lives forever.

Alliance Française Auditorium
Free Entry

Workshops & Short films from March 15 to 26



22 March
PAPICHA

by Mounia Meddour

2019/Dra/1h45

A student fights back against misogyny and religious extremism to pursue her passion for fashion in 1990 Algeria.



A selection of short films from the IFcinéma platform and animated short films as part of educational sessions with primary and secondary school students and French learners.



Alliance Française in Mombasa,
French School LFDD in Nairobi
Aga Khan Academy Mombasa,
Braeburn International School,
Light International School,
Shree Swaminarayan Academy.

Women humanitarians

photo exhibition

at the French School
Lycée Français D.Diderot
8th to 31st March



**Centre de crise et de soutien du ministère
de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères**
Beyrouth, Liban – 2020

Carte de remerciements à l'attention des femmes humanitaires françaises et de soutien aux ONG
Liban et autres pays affectés le 4 août 2020.

Although often the beneficiaries of programmes set up in many countries, women are also major stakeholders in humanitarian assistance, e.g. working as logistics experts, health professionals, mediators, trainers, project or programme leaders and mine clearance experts. Both on short and long-term missions, they deal with emergencies, working with the most vulnerable people on the planet, sometimes at risk of their lives.

This is our tribute to them.



International Women's Rights Day

Involved in a project with French comic book author Chloé Wary in 2021 as part of the Year of Comics, the girls and young women of the Kibera Black Stars soccer team and Slum Soka rugby team will receive donations from the Embassy of France in Kenya and the United Nations in Nairobi. A grassroots and community initiative aiming at empowering the girls of Kibera through sport and supporting their education. This event is labeled Generation Equality



REALIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS FOR AN EQUAL FUTURE





Dinner & Film Screening



Let's Celebrate and Enjoy The Diversity of the Francophonie on a plate!

March 10th

Cairo Time - Egyptian movie directed by Amir Ramses, released in 2014
Followed by two French-language films-The night of plastic bags -Pumzi

Reservations: 0702363666

68 Peponi Rd, Nairobi, Kenya

Wend
10th Mar 2021
From 7pm

Celebration of the Francophonie Culture

We will honor the diversity of francophone cuisine by offering Lebanese, Moroccan, Senegalese + French delights
Followed by other Francophone short-films

#FrancophonieKE #FrancophonieKE

68 Peponi Rd

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Celebration of the Francophonie

Menu

- Starters / Entrées**
Lebanese & Moroccan tapas
Zainab (Photo: Gopal, Youssef)
- Main Course / Plat principal**
Moroccan tajine With almonds & prunes
Or
Senegalese chicken yassa
- Dessert**
French millefeuille

PRICE
Full menu w/ children yassa -3,900
Full menu w/ lamb tajine-4,000

Wed
10th Mar 2021
From 5pm

Venue: 68 Peponi Rd

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Between Image and Identity

photo exhibition

Adji Dieye et Thandiwe Muiju



An immersive photographic exhibition/installation by the photographers Adji Dieye (Senegalese/Ivorian) and Thandiwe Muiju (Kenyan). The two artists explore contemporary African imagery through both a critical and an aesthetic lens. Adji Moggie Cube series investigates the notion of branding and its impact on society via the prism of the ubiquitous stock cube. Thandiwe Como series is a vivid and playful display inspired by African folk art exploring African beauty.



At Alliance
Française de Nairobi
March 11 to 31

Alliance Française de Nairobi

Kenyan Classics - Rumba with Afrika Couleur

Singer/guitarist Fariji Napa and his band Afrika Couleur will take us down memory lane with some Congolese/Kenyan rumba sounds. Many Congolese rumba musicians arrived in Kenya in the 1960s/70s to record their music and to tour. Several groups stayed on and added Kenyan benga rhythms to their rumba. The infectious rumba beats were in turn adopted by Kenyan musicians. Rumba is a living example of cross-cultural influences, shaping and being shaped by sounds from here and afar.



SHOWS



March 13, 3pm, in French
Lycee Français D. Diderot Nairobi

March 18, 3pm, in English
Alliance Française de Nairobi

by
Hector Obalk

The Complete History of Painting to Music

A brilliant stand-up show in
English, with the art critic,
Hector Obalk, in pictures and
music that will leave you feeling
very clever!



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THURSDAY

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af
Alliance Française
Nairobi Branch

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE
@ 7.00 PM

TOUR 18 MARCHE 2014 ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE @ 7.00 PM

Free Entry

on prior registration

HECTOR OBALK





French, the language of academic mobility useful language in Kenya

Discover many portraits in the press, on RFI and on social networks presenting young Kenyan men and women travelling in French-speaking countries.



A Talk on Global Study virtual student fair in partnership with Times Higher Education on Saturday March 20, from 12pm to 4pm with Campus France: <https://bit.ly/3pSeC11>

STUDENT FAIRS / Talk Global Study

- Talk to us at this **study abroad** event -

Join live
Ask questions
Get answers

CAMPUS FRANCE / Register Now Africa

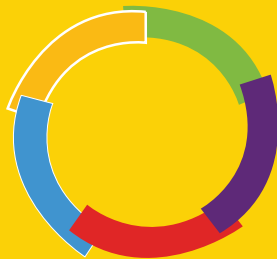
A banner for a virtual student fair. It features a group of diverse young people smiling. The text includes "STUDENT FAIRS" and "Talk Global Study" at the top, a central invitation to a "study abroad event", and three call-to-action buttons: "Join live", "Ask questions", and "Get answers". The Campus France logo and "Register Now Africa" are at the bottom.

DESTINATION FRANCOFONIE

A banner for "Destination Francophonie". It features a portrait of a man in a dark jacket over a grey t-shirt. To his left are two smaller images: one of a person's face in profile and another of a scenic landscape with mountains and greenery. The text "DESTINATION FRANCOFONIE" is prominently displayed in the center.

FRANCOPHONIE INTERNATIONAL DAY

March
20



- Events for learners in many schools where French is taught, especially in schools in the FLAAP network for French As A Priority Language.
- A «French in Comics» day for French learners in Kakuma and Kalobeyei with the Project for Peace team.
- On TV5Monde, discover an episode in Kenya of the flagship program Destination Francophonie hosted in Mitahato by Francophone Network in Kenya!

Comic book workshop

Discovery of the amazing

world of Chloe Wary



Virtual meeting and Q&A between the artist and students of the Lycée Français Denis Diderot in partnership with Slum Soka, Kibera Black Star and Ghetto Classic.

As a French writer, illustrator and graphic designer, Chloé Wary has created an engaging universe where she draws on her own experience but also on her observation of the world to better describe its reality. Her collections are a promising start to a career in which female emancipation and the revocation of prejudices play an important role.



"There are still too few female role models in sports for little girls to dream of looking like them." C. Wary

Saison des Roses Workshop



Les Roses de Rosigny is the name of the women's section of the Rosigny-sur-Seine soccer club, a close-knit team that defends itself rather well on the field. Barbara, the captain, is taking her baccalaureate this year like her teammates, who are her second family . Chloé Wary's Saison des Roses is part of the selection of the Pépites internationales 2020 of the French Institute and the Salon du Livre et de la Presse Jeunesse of Montreal. The author was awarded the Prix du Public France télévisions at the FIBD of Angoulême 2020, Prix Artemisia de l'émancipation 2020.

A Educational workshop on access for all will be held for LFDD students, players of the Slum Soka rugby team and players of the soccer team.

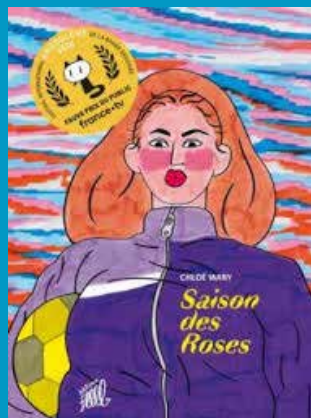
On March 16, 2pm

Beethoven - Sur - Seine Workshop

Chloe, a fan of soccer, sneakers and rag, doesn't know much about classical music. However, in this story she will tackle one of the greatest composers in history: Ludwig van Beethoven!

The high school students at the LFDD and the young people of Ghetto Classic will collaborate on a multidisciplinary educational workshop between visual arts and music.

On March 23, 2pm



Dis-moi dix mots qui ne manquent pas d'air !

Say Ten Words Contest Kenya 2021: Pencils Up!

This year we invite you to create, write and draw a comic book in French on a theme of your choice. The idea is to use ten words, to create your work, in French. These ten words, which illustrate a theme, are chosen each year by French-speaking partners: Belgium, France, Quebec, Switzerland and the International Organization of the Francophonie.

The constraint will be to include at least 5 words from the annual list of 10 words that constitutes the vocabulary of this edition: aile, allure, buller, chambre à air, décoller, éolien, foehn, fragrance, insuffler, vapoureux.

Terms: All comic book styles will be accepted, in color or black and white. Your comic must be a minimum of 2 boards and 8 dots and a maximum of 20 boards and 160 dots. Open to all!

The work must be sent by March 23rd at the latest to the following email address: labcityen.kenya@gmail.com

Offered by the Embassy of France in Kenya

1st place: The opportunity to pass your DELF/DALF (B1, B2 or C1)
+ 5 hours of distance learning exam preparation with a French teacher in partnership with the AFM.

2nd place : The opportunity to take your DELF/DALF (B1, B2 or C1)
+ 1 hour of exam preparation with a French teacher from the AFM

3rd place: The opportunity to pass your DELF/DALF (B1, B2 or C1)

AUF Inter-University Tournaments

The inter-university tournament of debates in French allows the student community to promote the French language and defend the values of the Francophonie. The tournament is open to any student who is regularly enrolled in a higher education institution. A private university can only be represented by one team, whereas each component of public universities can be represented by one team. A team is composed of 3 students. Final on March 23, 2021!

Thematic : Social Innovation and solidarity



7th inter-university
tournament of public
speaking debates in French!
<https://bit.ly/39LAABc>



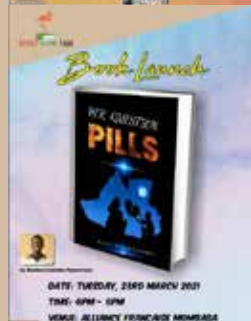
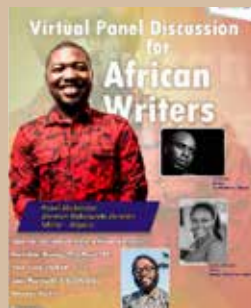


Theme: Belonging

Venue: Alliance Française Mombasa

Dates: 22-26 March 2021

Les Partenaires:



Book Fair at Alliance Française Mombasa

Monday, March 22, 2021

10-11am: Book readings and discussion with Lela Goldsmith

12-1pm: 5 questions with Tabu Osusa - co-author, Shades Of Benga

2-3pm: Lisa Kibutu in conversation with Chaparuka Kusimba :

The politics of remembrance (Swahili culture)

16h-17h: Literary conference and poetry readings by Najeeb Juma Bhalo

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

9-11am: Spelling bee for elementary school children in French, English and German

11-12pm: Lecture by Hans Hofele and Lorna Likiza - The perception of African culture in the media.

12-1pm: Conference by Themina Kader - My experience of prison by Mahatma Gandhi

2-4p.m.: Kas Kazi Literary Conference

4-5pm: Launch of Boniface Nyamweya's book

5:30-6:30pm: Virtual discussion panel for writers from the black diaspora

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9-10am: Book Launch - Self Care Kit for Mental Wellness by Queentah Wambulwa

10-11am: Virtual Conference by Fiston Mwanza Mujila - Congolese writer

11-12pm: Virtual discussion panel for African poets

12h-13h : Virtual reading by Ally Abdallah Baharoon - Wewe Sio Wa Hapa

2- 2:30pm: Discussion with Scholastique Mukasonga -

Autrice, Kibogo ascended to heaven, France

3-4pm: Virtual reading by Ingrid Arlington - Kinky Roots

4-5:30pm: Interview with Kevin Mwachiro

6:30-8pm: Screening of the film Our Lady of the Nile by Scholastique Mukasonga



Thursday, March 25, 2021

9-10am: Readings by children in French, German, English and Swahili (6-13 years old)

10-11am: Debate in French organized by high school students (FLAAP network)

11-12pm: Book readings by Samwel Ochanda - The Ogre, anthology of short stories

12:-13pm: Poetry recitation in French by high school students

2-3pm: Literary Conference: Belonging by Lorna Likiza

3-4pm: Book Launch - A Long Way From Douala by Max Lobe

5-6pm: Virtual round table dedicated to francophone writers and poets

6:30-8pm: Screening of Gael Faye's film Petit Pays followed by a Q&A

Friday, March 26, 2021

9-11am: Café-Croissants with the FLAAP network, French Language As A Priority

11-11:30am: Keynote Address: Finding a Home Beyond Stereotypes and the identity crisis by Salma Abdulatif, Poet - Kenya

12-1pm: Book readings and discussion by Nana Ekuia Brew-Hammond Powder necklace

2pm: Workshop on film marketing and distribution by Lucy Muthui

2-4pm: Virtual discussion panel: useful French, language of international mobility and business language

4-5pm: Virtual discussion panel for editors

6-9pm: Closing Ceremony

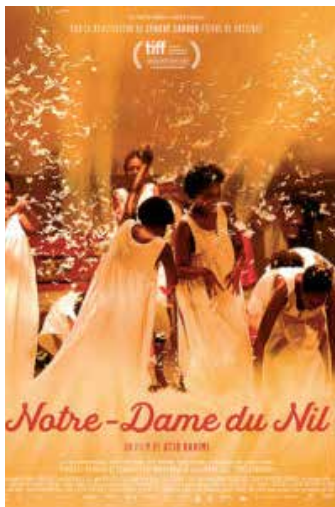
Show: Congolese Gogosimo Band & Azafi Omoluabi, Nigeri





THEME:
**Belonging/L'appartenance/
 Zugehörigkeit**





March 25, 6pm
Petit Pays
by Eric Barbier

2020 - History - 1h33
Belgian - French - Rwandan film

In the 1990s, a little boy lives in Burundi with his father, a French entrepreneur, his Rwandan mother, and his little sister. He spends his time doing the four hundred tricks with his classmates until civil war breaks out, ending the innocence of his childhood.

Cinema, Workshop & Exhibition

March 24, 6pm
Notre Dame du Nil
by Atiq Rahimi

2020 - Drama - 1h33
Belgian - French - Rwandan film

Rwanda, 1973. In the prestigious Catholic institute «Our Lady of the Nile», perched on a hill, young Rwandan girls study to become the country's elite. On the verge of graduation, they share the same dormitory, the same dreams, the same adolescent problems. But in the four corners of the country, as well as within the school, there are deep antagonisms that will forever change the destiny of these young girls and of the entire country.



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in
Mombasa

Free
Entry



Comic Strip Tour of Belgium



Comic strips (comic books) delight the young and old alike and give Belgium an undeniable reputation. In collaboration with the Comic Strip Museum in Brussels, the Belgian government has developed the exhibition "A Comic Strip Tour of Belgium", which, while promoting the image of Belgium as the country of comics, highlights its cultural heritage. The exhibition illustrates the dynamics of Belgian authors and the evolution of an art in constant evolution. The country of the 9th art, which has such a large number of publishers, cartoonists and scriptwriters of comic strips, naturally inspired the authors of the exhibition. Drawings and photos therefore allow visitors to discover Belgium and comics in an original way.

At the Alliance Française of Mombasa from March 22 to 26 and
on March 25 at Unseen Nairobi

Comic book workshop Discovery of the universe of Mohamed Shennawy

Virtual meeting and Q&A between the artist and Francophone
students from Kenyatta University and University of Nairobi.

Born in Egypt in 1998, Mohamed Shennawy is a cartoonist and cartoonist based in Belgium. He founded in 2011 a fanzine called Toktok with some comic book friends in which they discuss social issues such as politics, sexual harassment, youth unemployment... This magazine received an award at the Algiers International Comics Festival in 2011. In January 2012, Mohamed Shennawy participated in a collective exhibition on the theme of the new generation of Arab comics at the Cité de la BD in Angoulême, France. He regularly participates in book fairs such as the Maghreb-Orient du livre in Paris in 2012, the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2013 and the CairoComix Festival in Cairo in 2015.



Online
March 29



Animated movies - Q&A

Screening of two short films followed by a Q&A with students from the Africa Digital Media Institute - ADMI

At UNSEEN
Nairobi



TRACES

Director: Hugo Frassetto, Sophie Tavert Macian

36,000 years ago, in the Ardèche gorges, a drawn animal is a hunted animal. When the time of Hunting and Tracing came back, Gwel took the lead of the group of hunters while Karou the Tracer and his apprentice Lani left to draw in the monumental cave. The journey is disrupted by a cave lion. In national competition at the festival of Clermont-Ferrand 2020.

Nominated in the best animated short film category at the Oscars 2021 ceremony and at the César 2021 ceremony

ROUES LIBRES

Directed by Jacinthe Folon



Jacinthe Folon's animated short film Roues Libres (2017) received a warm welcome at the 2018 edition of the Brussels Anima Festival. The bikes are back in our cities, city dwellers! Be there to discover the offbeat humor of this Belgian production by Atelier de la Cambre.

Literature Café



Wednesday
March 31
3pm



Que la terre nous soit légère



by **Joan Bastide**



Actor/writer/journalist **John Sibi-Okumu** will engage French author **Joan Bastide** in a conversation about his first book «Que la terre nous soit légère» at the Alliance Française Nairobi library

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