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FOCUS ON FRENCH CINEMA 2018 ANNOUNCES DATES FOR THE 14th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FRANCOPHONE FILMS FROM AROUND THE FRENCH-SPEAKING WORLD- Friday, April 27- Tuesday, May 1st 2018.

JOE MEYERS TO HEAD UP SELECTION COMMITTEE OF FOCUS ON FRENCH CINEMA 2018

Focus on French Cinema 2018, (FFC2018), has just announced that Joe Meyers will lead the Selection Committee as Director of Programming for the 2018 edition of the annual French and Francophone film festival. The 2018 festival will be held at the Bow Tie Criterion Cinemas at Greenwich Plaza in Greenwich, CT, The AVON Theatre Film Center in Stamford and at the French Institute Alliance Française (FIAF) in Manhattan. Professor Anne Kern, former Director of Programming for FFC will continue to advise the selection committee as Consultant to the Selection Committee and board member of the Alliance Française of Greenwich. Kern writes, “ Joe Meyers is an expert in virtually every area of film, but he has a special love and extensive knowledge of French cinema. He is deeply rooted in the local community and brings with him a dedicated following of readers from across the region. We are thrilled and honored that he accepted our invitation to join the Focus team.”

Presented annually by the Alliance Française of Greenwich, FFC 2018 will celebrate 14 years of screening the best of French and Francophone films from around the French-speaking world.

The line-up of contemporary and classic French-language films will include feature-length films, documentaries, animation, retrospectives as well as a selection of short films.

Meyers will lend his cinematic expertise, based on years as a writer covering the arts for Hearst Connecticut Media Group which publishes the Greenwich Time, the Stamford Advocate, the Norwalk Hour, Connecticut Post and Danbury News-Times as well as his service as a moderator for French Cinémathèque of Focus on French Cinema featured monthly at the Avon Theatre. Meyers also hosts the Movie & A Martini film series at theaters throughout Fairfield County. In

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the 70's, Meyers ran the first art house on the Delmarva Peninsula-the Lewes Cinema- where he programmed films by Francois Truffaut, Luis Bunuel and other great European directors.

Meyers will work closely with the FFC selection committee in the selection of films for FFC 2018 while moderating round –table discussions and Q & As during the festival weekend in Greenwich and at the Avon Theatre screening on Monday, April 30th.

The FFC 2018 Executive Board welcome Joe Meyers' insight and expertise while embracing the mission of Focus on French Cinema as a platform for discussion, debate and discovery of the French- speaking world.

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