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FOCUS ON FRENCH CINEMA 2019 ANNOUNCES DATES FOR THE 15th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF FRANCOPHONE FILMS FROM AROUND THE FRENCH- SPEAKING WORLD- Friday, April 26- Tuesday, April 27, 2019.

Focus on French Cinema 2019(FFC2019) will celebrate 15 years of the best of French-language film from around the world with the theme of « **Vive Le Cinéma Francophone** ». According to Programming Director, Joe Meyers, » the 2019 theme recognizes the festival's support of French-language filmmaking from global cultures in addition to France ». FFC2019 will include movies from France, Belgium, Quebec, Switzerland, French-speaking Africa and beyond . Some of the best films in French are being made in vibrant French cultures around the world according to Meyers.

Presented annually by the Alliance Française of Greenwich, FFC2019 will celebrate the best of French- language cinema in Greenwich, CT Stamford, CT and Manhattan. FFC2019 will present the finest narrative, documentary and short film selection from around the world exploring the diversity of Francophone cinema

**Les Maîtres Cuisiniers de France and L'Académie Culinaire de France** will return to Focus on French Cinema with a GALA OPENING NIGHT at THE GREENWICH ARTS COUNCIL on Friday, April 26. The weekend in Greenwich will feature US Premiere films, actors and directors from around the francophone world, workshops and many other events. The Avon Theatre Film Center will host FFC2019 on Monday , April 29 and the French Institute Alliance Française( FIAF) in Manhattan will close the festival with 2 US Premiere Films and a Closing Night Party.

For more information and tickets please visit [www.focusonfrenchcinema.com](http://www.focusonfrenchcinema.com) or call the Alliance Française office at 203-629-1340

