

FRENCH FILM FESTIVALUK 31

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French Film Festival 1 – 12 November 2023 at Ciné Lumière

The French Film Festival is back at Ciné Lumière from 1-12 November 2023 with a curated programme of French and Francophone films, mostly UK Premieres, some of them attended by talents, such as directors Justine Triet, Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar and Laurent Nègre.

Audiences will have a chance to discover newcomers and watch their favourite actors on the big screen, from Isabelle Huppert to Romain Duris, from Kristin Scott Thomas to Laure Calamy.

The festival will open on Wednesday 1 November with the UK Premiere of *Divertimento*, inspired by the life of renowned conductor Zahia Ziouani, attended by director **Marie-Castille Mention-Schaar**.

Packed with more than 40 screenings, this 31st edition will feature award-winning films, including this year's **Palme d'Or** *Anatomy of a Fall.* Two previews are part of the programme, so cinemagoers get to see the film before its general release later in November and meet director **Justine Triet** on 2 November.

Other highlights include Golden Bear Winner *On the Adamant* by Nicolas Philibert and *The Taste of Things*, starring Juliette Binoche, which won Trần Anh Hùng the Best Director Award at the Cannes Film Festival and is representing France to the Academy Awards.

Completing the wide array of film genres and styles on offer, animated films, such as *Ernest & Celestine: Trip to Gibberitia*, are on the menu too.

Some classics are brought back to the big screen thanks to recent 4K restorations, such as Jean Eustache's masterpieces, *The Mother and the Whore* and *My Little Loves*, as well as Serge Gainsbourg's cult *Je t'aime moi non plus*, starring the late Jane Birkin.

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Full Programme

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