

Special opportunity from Channel 7!

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE FRENCH -STYLE GARDEN MAKEOVER?

If you own your own home, and are willing to let our creative team take control of your garden and transform it into a French-inspired designer masterpiece then...

Send us a short VHS, DVD or Mini DV introducing your family and your backyard. Then tell us why you want a makeover and why a French style garden would suit you and your yard. Include 4 colour photos of your

backyard and 1 of your family, as well as your full name, telephone, email and postal address.

Please send applications to: Channel 7 'Garden makeover'

PO Box 777 Pyrmont NSW 2009

Please feel free to pass this on to your family and friends.



Thursday 14 February

Film release: "The Diving Bell & the Butterfly"

The new drama by Julian Schnabel, Best Director at the Festival de Cannes 2007 with Mathieu Amalric, Emmanuelle Seigner.

It is the remarkable true story of Jean Dominique Baubet, a successful & charismatic editor-in-chief of French Elle, who believes he's living his life to its fullest when a sudden stroke leaves him in a life altered state. While the physical challenges provide him with little hope for the future, he begins to discover how his life's passions rich memories and his newfound imagination can help him achieve a life without boundaries.

5 copies of the DVD & 5 copies of the book to be won by members joining the AF this February for the first time. Courtesy of Icon.



DVD release: "Lady Chatterley", directed by Pascale Ferran

Set in 1921, Constance Chatterley (Marina Hands) is a young wife bored with her marriage and detached from her own feelings. Her husband, Clifford (Hippolyte Girardot), wheelchair-bound from a war wound, has moved them to his family's estate, where there is little for Constance to do. Until, that is, she meets Oliver Parkin, the gamekeeper, with his muscular physique and sad boxer's face. Lady Chatterley tells the story of their impossible love, an experience that transforms both their lives.



Introduce a friend to become a member of the Alliance Française in February and you could win a DVD of "Lady Chatterley".

Courtesy of Hopscotch Entertainment.



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February 08

Chers Amis,

Dear Friends,

Fin janvier, à quelques jours avant le nouvel an chinois, j'ai juste le temps de vous souhaiter une très bonne année francophone.

As we approach the end of January, before the start of the Chinese New Year, I'm just in time to wish you a very happy francophone New Year.

2008 débutera sous le signe de l'amour avec une journée spéciale "Saint Valentin" le 14 février : sucettes en chocolat ou bonbons acidulés ?

The New Year begins and love is in the air with a very special Saint Valentine's Day on February 14: chocolate lollypops or tangy lollies?

Amour du vin, passion du fromage, fondre de plaisir le 8 février...

Our love for wine and passion for cheese will be cause for celebration on Feb 8.

Deux jeunes et talentueuses créatrices, Laure Molina et Sandrine Lopez de Arias seront nos artistes invitées.

We are also delighted to be able to welcome two creative & talented young artists, Laure Molina and Sandrine Lopez de Arias, whose works will be on display this month.

L'année commence bien !

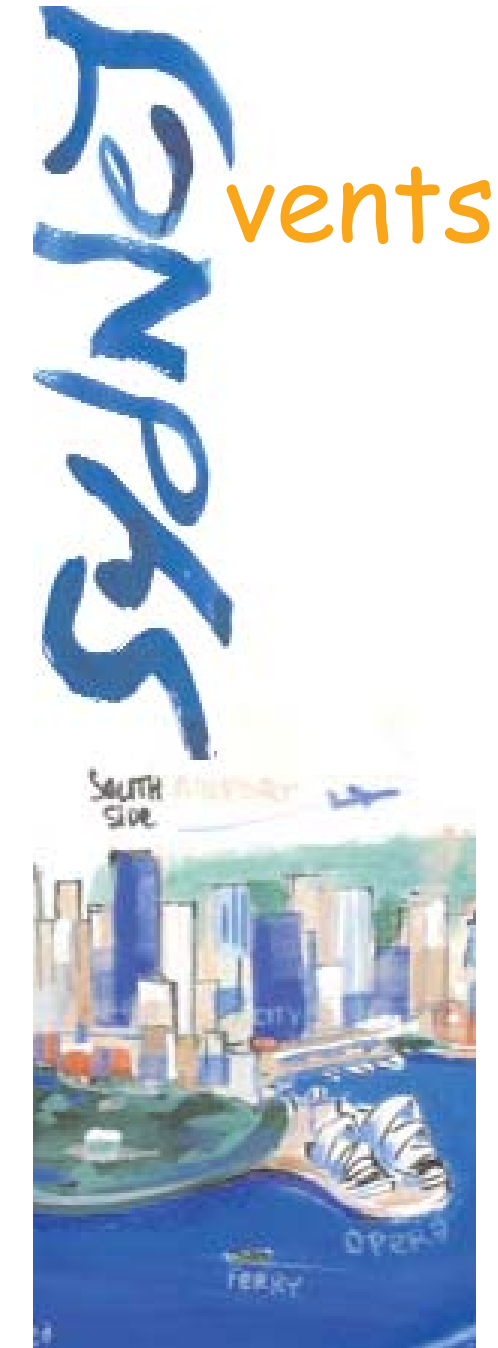
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The year is off to a good start!

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Monday 4 Feb Until 22 Feb

"Communication" a Plastic Arts exhibition by Laure Molina



The artistic work of Laure Molina takes as its roots the exploration of territories and cultures from the "new world" (Latin America), as well as incorporating theories of quantum physics. It represents the interplay between reflection, expression and emotion. Her intention is to take the audience back to the core, just as much the natural, virtual as the multidimensional.

AF Gallery. All welcome

Tuesday 5 February

"Where are we at in the fight against Tobacco in Australia & in France ?"

Dr Daniel Talmont, President of the Association Medicale Francophone d'Australie, will introduce Dr Renée Bittoun, Director of the Smoker's Clinic at St Vincents. She will present a conference examining where we're at in the fight against Tobacco in Australia & in France. France has recently joined many other countries & banned tobacco in public spaces. A very "hot" topic!

AF Café 6.00pm. All welcome!

Thursday 14 February

Cine Club: "Tell No one" by Guillaume Canet 2006



Starring François Cluzet, Marie-Josée Croze, André Dussolier, Nathalie Baye, Jean Rochefort. Paediatrician Alex Beck has been devastated since his childhood sweetheart & wife, Margot, was savagely murdered in the early days of their marriage 8 years before. But when he receives an anonymous email, he sees a woman's face in a crowd and being filmed in real time. Margot's face...Is she still alive? Winner of 4 César Awards; don't miss this excellent thriller!

Room 103 12.30pm. All welcome!

Thursday 14 February



"Love Letter Competition"

(closing date: 8 Feb 08)
For Valentine's Day, the Alliance

Française de Sydney is giving you the opportunity to participate in a great love letter competition! It is open to everyone and is your best chance to declare your love in the most romantic language: French!

5.30pm Live music with Lars, who'll perform love song with Mark, a French guitarist. They'll put you in a very romantic mood!

6pm Announcement of the winners

1st prize: for best love letter written by a non native French speaker. Dinner for 2 at Sofitel (valued at \$200)



2nd prize: for best love letter written by a native French speaker. Lenôtre High Tea at Sofitel (valued at \$70)



3rd prize: for best presentation. DVD of "Lady Chatterley" (valued at \$40)

All day long, candies, lollies & chocolates; sponsored by CrystalCandies.



AF Café

Tuesday 26 February

Le Québec à l'honneur

The AF is pleased to welcome Madame Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Minister of International Relations & of the Francophonie, Government of Québec. She will speak about the 400th anniversary of the City of Québec, which will host the 12th summit of the Francophonie as well as the world congress for teachers of French in Oct 08. This talk will be a good opportunity for the francophile & francophone community in Sydney to discover more about Québec & the francophonie in a relaxed & warm atmosphere. Drinks and light snacks will be served.



AF Café 6.15pm. RSVP by 20 Feb essential to Tricia 9292 5712



Friday 8 February
Fromages & Vins

Cheese for Love or Love for Cheese?

Casanova said: "Cheese can restore an old love... and ripen a young one".

Let's follow the "Expert for Love" and celebrate an early Valentine's. Our first cheese & wine event at the Alliance this year is dedicated to Love: love of cheese & good food, cheese as an aphrodisiac?

With their oozing seductive texture & creamy flavour, triple cream cheeses show all the signs of pure decadence. But we'll also have other scrumptious blues & nutty hard pressed cheeses to balance tastes & textures.

These luscious morsels will be matched with wonderful wines (the colour of the night is pink, you are warned!) and will have you swooning...

And as usual, there will be games, blind tastings and great prizes to be won.

Prepare for a very exciting night!

Bookings essential!!!

AF Grand Café, 6pm. Members: \$50; non-members \$60



Thursday 28 February
Until 20 March

Sandrine has been living in Sydney since August 2006. With this new exhibition she leads us to discover through her paint strokes, her feelings & impressions on Australia. She explores this colourful journey from a variety of angles: the hues, culture, nature & landscapes of Australia. "My painting is the mirror to my soul. I don't describe, I open a window onto my perception. I superimpose layers of glaze that I remove in some places, I



add sand, paper...like a game of construction and demolition, a bit in the image of the new world" she explains.

AF Gallery - 6.30pm. All welcome!



February at the Grand Café

In February when you visit the Grand Café and spend a min. of \$20, you will be automatically entered in our lucky draw prize. There will be 1 winner each week drawn on Monday.

4 chances to win (min. value \$40)! See Jane or Aymeric for more details.