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The French Film Festival celebrates its 28th edition in leading cinemas across the UK and especially with **Dumfries Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre**. You'll have the chance to catch some of the most anticipated French and Francophone titles of the year.

Cover image: *Cyrano My Love* directed by Alexis Michalik



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Spread Your Wings/ *Donne-moi des ailes* (N/C PG)

Sat 14 Nov 13:45

Inspired by a true story, *Spread Your Wings* follows video game-addicted teenager Thomas (Louis Vazquez) who is sent by his mother, Paola (Mélanie Doutey), to spend the school holidays with his father in the beautiful, yet secluded, wetlands of the Camargue region in Southern France. With no wi-fi and only his ornithologist father, Christian (Jean-Paul Rouve), for company, Thomas is slowly drawn into his father's passion for a gaggle of newborn wild geese.

Director: **Nicolas Vanier** | Cast: **Jean-Paul Rouve, Mélanie Doutey, Louis Vazquez**
France / Norway | 2019 | English subtitles | 113 mins | Int sales **SND Groupe M6**



Les Misérables (15)

Thu 19 Nov 19:00

It may have the same title as the oft-filmed Victor Hugo classic but beware: this a slice of realist French cinema that bursts out with the same vigour, passion and realism as Mathieu Kassovitz's *La Haine*. Director Ladj Ly who has said he was inspired by Kassovitz's groundbreaking debut as a director, sets the film in Montfermeil where Hugo chose to situate *Les Misérables* 150 years ago.

Director: **Ladj Ly** | Cast: **Damien Bonnard, Alexis Manenti, Djibril Zonga**
France | 2019 | English subtitles | 102 mins | UK Distributor **Altitude**



Cyrano My Love/*Edmond* (N/C 15+)

Tue 24 Nov 10:45 & 19:00

Alexis Michalik's period-set biopic reveals the drama behind the playwright's most famous work *Cyrano de Bergerac*. We meet Edmond Rostand (Thomas Solivèrès) during the explosion of artistic production that marked the Belle Époque in late 19th-century France. Despite being a clearly gifted writer, his career has yet to take off.

Director: **Alexis Michalik** | Cast: **Thomas Solivèrès, Olivier Gourmet, Mathilde Seigner, Tom Leeb, Lucie Boujenah**
France/Belgium | 2019 | English subtitles | 112 mins | Int sales **Gaumon/Print IFCinéma**



De Gaulle (N/C 12+)

Thu 3 Dec 19:00

May 1940. France is facing a disastrous military situation against the German army. Charles de Gaulle, newly appointed General, joins the Government in Paris while Yvonne, his wife, and their three children remain in the east. Faced with the defeatist attitude of Pétain who wants to negotiate with Hitler, de Gaulle has one intention only: to continue fighting.

Director: **Gabriel Le Bomin** | Cast: **Lambert Wilson, Isabelle Carré, Olivier Gourmet**
France | 2019 | English subtitles | 105 mins | Int sales **SND Groups M6 (Festival Agency)**



The Specials/*Hors norms* (N/C 12+)

Sat 5 Dec 14:30

Directors and screenwriters Éric Toledano and Olivier Nakache follow their huge hits, *C'est la vie* and *Untouchable* (about the friendship between a paraplegic and his carer), with *The Specials*, about a Jewish man, Bruno (Vincent Cassel) and a Muslim, Malik (Reda Kateb), working together to help children with severe autism who have been rejected by other institutions because they are too difficult to care for.

Directors: **Olivier Nakache, Éric Toledano** | Cast: **Vincent Cassel, Reda Kateb, Héléne Vincent, Bryan Mialoundama, Alban Ivanov, Benjamin Lesieur**

France | 2019 | English subtitles | 114 mins | Int sales **Gaumont**



Three Days and a Life/ *Trois jours une vie* (N/C 15+)

Thu 10 Dec 19:00

The murderer always returns to the scene of the crime, even if 15 years later. This is the case in a captivating rural thriller based on the best-selling novel by master crime writer Pierre Lemaitre. It is Christmas 1999 in a small village in the Ardennes, a seemingly safe provincial world, where everyone knows one another and follows the other's movements.

Director: **Nicolas Boukhrief** | Cast: **Pablo Pauly, Sandrine Bonnaire, Charles Berling, Margot Bancilhon, Philippe Torreton, Dimitri Storage**

France/Belgium | 2019 | English subtitles | 120 mins | Int sales **Gaumont/Print IFcinéma**



The Translators/*Les Traducteurs* (N/C 12+)

Sat 12 Dec 19:15

If you relished the twists and turns of *Knives Out* then Régis Roinsard (*Populaire*) has devised a fiendishly clever whodunnit with a fantastic all-star international cast in a similar vein. To ensure absolute secrecy for the global publication of a bestseller, nine skilled translators are invited to a remote location. They are given a number of pages to translate each day. There is no contact with the outside world.

Director: **Régis Roinsard** | Cast: **Alex Lawther, Olga Kurylenko, Riccardo Scamarcio, Sidse Babett Knudsen, Eduardo Noriega**

France / Belgium | 2019 | English subtitles | 120 mins | Int sales **Wild Bunch, UK**



My Donkey, My Lover & I/ *Antoinette dans les Cévennes* (N/C 12+)

Thu 16 Dec 19:00

Antoinette, a school teacher, is looking forward to her long planned summer holidays with her secret lover Vladimir, the father of one of her pupils. When she learns that Vladimir cannot come because his wife has organized a surprise donkey trekking holiday. Antoinette decides to follow their trace, by herself, accompanied by Patrick, a singularly stubborn donkey.

Director: **Caroline Vignal** | Cast: **Laure Calamy, Benjamin Lavernhe, Olivia Côte, Éric Cantona**
France / Belgium | 2020 | English subtitles | 95 mins | Int sales **Playtime**



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