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Focus on French Cinema Expands to a Yearlong Festival at the Bruce Museum

GREENWICH, Conn. — Focus on French Cinema, the annual festival showcasing newly released French and Francophone films, including U.S. premieres, will expand into a yearlong celebration of French-language cinema at the Bruce Museum in Greenwich.

The festival's 22nd edition will begin on **Sunday, September 27, 2026**, with a screening of ***Hugo***, directed by Pascal Bonitzer and starring Fabrice Luchini, Chiara Mastroianni and Marie Narbonne.

In this touching comedy-drama, Robert Zucchini is a celebrated actor devoted to the life and words of Victor Hugo. Away from the stage, however, he struggles with loneliness and regret. When the daughter he did not raise unexpectedly returns to his life, Robert must learn that being present for those he loves may be more important than living through the words and memories of the past.

Additional screenings will take place on select Sunday afternoons in October, November and December 2026. Each film will be followed by a discussion featuring experts from the film and cultural worlds, moderated by Focus on French Cinema Director of Programming Joe Meyers, as well as a post-screening reception.

In January 2027, audiences will be able to participate in a special online mini festival. In-person screenings will then resume at the Bruce Museum from February through June 2027.

Focus on French Cinema has continued to evolve since the demolition of the Bow Tie Cinemas in downtown Greenwich left the event, in the words of Joe Meyers, a “nomadic film festival.”

By continuing to offer a hybrid format of in-person and online screenings, Focus on French Cinema brings audiences the best new French-language films from France and across the Francophone world. The expanded yearlong format reinforces the festival's commitment to celebrating independent international cinema in the globally minded community of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Focus on French Cinema is presented by the Alliance Française of Greenwich in partnership with the Bruce Museum.