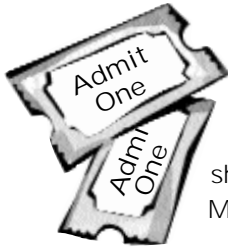


# VCU French Film Festival

## *Immersion Weekend for Teachers of French*

Virginia Commonwealth University, the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the American Association of Teachers of French of Virginia are joining together in a collaborative effort to offer middle and secondary-schools teachers of French across the state the opportunity to use French and to increase their understanding of French culture through an immersion weekend associated with the activities of the 8th Annual VCU French Film Festival to be held on April 1 and 2, 2000.



The VCU French Film Festival is a unique French cultural event founded and directed by Dr. Peter S. Kirkpatrick, associate professor of French at VCU. The festival showcases newly released films from France. All screenings are at the historic Byrd Theatre in Richmond. The French actors and directors come to town to present their new films. Discussions with the stars take place after the showing of each film as well as at the reception and the gala dinner on Saturday night at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

In addition to the regular activities and events of the festival, the immersion weekend is a wonderful experience for middle and high school teachers of French as was proved by last year's immersion participants. VCU's Division of University Outreach, the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the AATF of Virginia will offer an immersion French cultural weekend associated with the festival. Teachers will be able to earn up to two or three graduate credits or up to 90 points for teacher recertification.

Twenty scholarships for the immersion weekend will be made available to middle and secondary-level French teachers by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy. These scholarships include a VIP Plus Pass to the festival as well as the cost of the VCU graduate course tuition. The scholarship package includes the following:

#### VIP Plus Pass to the Festival

- guaranteed seating at the Byrd Theatre to all films featured at the festival
- guaranteed seating at the actor/director discussions after the showing of each film
- invitation to the Official Festival Reception with the stars on Saturday night at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- invitation to the Gala Dinner with the stars in the members suite dining room at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

#### Course Work for Two Graduate Credits

- attendance at all films and all discussions with the French directors and actors
- personal conversations with French directors and actors during Virginia Museum events
- morning workshop with directors and actors sponsored the the American Association of Teachers of French of Virginia
- option to take one additional graduate credit

Free VIP Passes: 15 VIP Passes are offered by the AATF of Virginia to any Virginia AATF member wishing to attend the festival but not interested in recertification. VIP passes include all the advantages of the VIP Plus Pass except the gala dinner.

The twenty scholarships offered by the French Cultural Services and the 15 VIP passes offered by AATF of Virginia are available on a first-come first-served basis. Send in your registration form before March 1, 2000.

### Registration (please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High school: \_\_\_\_\_ Social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Course Scholarship Package** (paid for by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy; your cost is just a \$25 registration fee. Please mail this form and your check for the \$25 graduate course registration fee to Kari Grimes, VCU, Office of Community Programs, 827 W. Franklin St., P.O. Box 842041, Richmond, Va. 23284-2041. Make checks payable to VCU.)

**AATF of Virginia Festival Pass Offer** (paid for by the AATF of Virginia. Mail form to Dany Perramond, Dept. of Foreign Languages, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. 22807)

