

The French Connection

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The Tulane University Department of French and Italian, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women and Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle-Orléans are collaborating to host a Tournées Film Festival in New Orleans. The films will be screened in the Freeman Auditorium of the Woldenberg Art Center on the uptown campus March 3rd-9. All films will be in French with English subtitles.



The animated film *Azur and Asmar* will be presented along with other French films at a Tournées Film Festival on the uptown campus March 3rd-9. (Image provided by Tournées Film Festival)

The six feature-length films in the [film festival](#) are:

- [*Azur and Asmar: The Princes' Quest*](#)
- [*Comme un Juif en France \(Being Jewish in France\)*](#)
- [*La Graine et le Mulet \(The Secret of the Grain\)*](#)

- [*Les Plages D'Agnes \(The Beaches of Agnes\)*](#)
- [*Un Conte de Noël \(A Christmas Tale\)*](#)
- [*L'Ivresse du Pouvoir \(Comedy of Power\)*](#)

"We always wanted to have a French film festival in the New Orleans area," says Kathryn LeMieux of Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle-Orléans. "This has been a great partnership with Tulane. It is important for New Orleans, with its rich French heritage, to have a strong French cinema presence. We felt this was lacking and wanted to collaborate together to create a festival that will gain in strength, importance and prominence in the years to come."

For the showings on the Tulane campus, the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women received funding from the [Tournees Film Festival](#) through a grant program designed to support the screening of contemporary French cinema on American college campuses. The Tournees Film Festival is a French American Cultural Exchange program, supported by Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture.

Tickets for each film are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, students and senior citizens. Seating is limited to the auditorium's 200-seat capacity. To book a showing for a school, class or group, contact [LeMieux](#), of Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle-Orléans at 504-837-0128.