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Press Release

**cInéMAGINE Society of Alberta is celebrating
its 7th anniversary of the
ALBERTA FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL
at the Empress Theatre, Fort Macleod
April 24 – 26, 2009 with our Honorary President
Mrs. Josée Thibeault**

President of the *Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta (RAFA)*

Honorary President 2009 – Mrs. Josée Thibeault: This year, Mrs. Josée Thibeault, Stage Director, Actress, Author and President of the Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta (RAFA) will be our Honorary President on Saturday April 25, 2009 in the evening: she will meet with our guests and highlight the vitality and diversity of the Franco-Albertan Arts.

Exclusive International Premiere: *Le chœur d'une culture*, the documentary of the Quebec 2008 Tour of the choir Chorale Saint-Jean will be presented by the film director Marie-France Guerrette. A cultural experience not to be missed!

Films: **Friday April 24,** 7:15pm *Le chœur d'une culture*; 8:15pm *Babine*; 10:30pm *Polytechnique*; **Saturday April 26,** 9:30am *À l'ouest de Pluton* (no subtitles); 11:00am *Une femme forte* (doc.); 1:15pm Film to be confirmed; 3:15pm *Les femmes de l'ombre*; 7:15pm *Séraphine*; **Sunday April 29,** 9:45am *Faubourg 36* (no subtitles); 1:15pm *Il y a longtemps que je t'aime* and 3:30pm *Maman est chez le coiffeur*.

New this year in Empress Theatre Green Room: During the projection of the two movies without subtitles, the Francophiles will be able to view two DVDs with subtitles in the Green Room of the Empress Theatre: *Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis* and another film to be determined. Lots of fun for everyone!

New this year: **Saturday April 25 – 7:00 – 7:15:** Windy Mountain Music Concert performed just before the viewing of *Séraphine*; **Sunday April 26 – 12:00 – 12:30:** Japanese Drums Concert (Taiko) performed by the Lethbridge Community Taiko Association during the Brunch.

Café Jazzette: For its second consecutive year, lovers of the 7th Art and guests of the Alberta French Film Festival will be able to relax and chat while sipping on a hot cup of coffee. Where is this French Café? The door adjacent to the Empress Theatre! Open to all.

New this year: two wonderful children's movies will be viewed on Saturday April 25th to allow parents to attend the Festival.

New this year: Historical Guided Tours: For those who wish to hear more about the history of Fort Macleod, Stéphane D. Perreault Ph.D, of the Red Deer College, has prepared a historical walking tour of Fort Macleod and interesting tales regarding Francophones in Southern Alberta.

cInéMAGINE Theme 2009: Women – The organizational committee of the 7th Festival has chosen “women” as the theme for its 2009 edition, as can be seen through its program's content: *Polytechnique, Une femme forte, Les femmes de l'ombre, Séraphine* and *Maman est chez le coiffeur*.

cInéMAGINE Reception at the Empress Theatre Saturday April 25, 2009: The first 100 pass holders as well as our guests and sponsors are invited to the Reception at the Empress Theatre which will be held 20 minutes following the last Saturday evening film presentation. Come and meet our guests, actors and dignitaries while listening to the quatuor Time for Sax. Bison, wine, cheese and *petits fours* will be served. Cash bar.

Art Exhibition at the Empress Theatre in Fort Macleod: A Gallery Opening showcasing the works of Franco-Albertan a organized by the C.A.V.A.

Film Pass: The price of the pass is \$60 for adults and \$45 for students and seniors and includes the Saturday lunch at the Café Jazzette (11h30) located next to the Empress Theatre and the Sunday Brunch (11h45) at the *Fort Macleod & District Community Hall*, next to the Fort.

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