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THE SUMMER HOURS

A warm and wise drama about the mysteries of life, starring Juliette Binoche

Cincinnati World Cinema will present the French film **The Summer Hours** (*L'Heure d'Été*) in the fourth round of its ten-movie Global Cinema Series at the **Carnegie Visual Arts Center** in Covington. An official selection of the prestigious Toronto, New York and AFI film festivals, the film was released nationally circa mid-year, and quickly attained the #2 box office ranking in the U.S. for French-language films in 2009.

The Summer Hours has bypassed Cincinnati – until now, with CWC offering first-run screenings on **Sunday, November 15 at 6:30 pm** and again on **Tuesday November 17, at 7:30 pm**. Each screening is preceded by a social hour starting one hour before show time, and the Tuesday presentation includes post-film discussion.

Hailed by critics as the most intimately emotional and unequivocally intellectual work from renowned director **Olivier Assayas** (*Irma Vep*, *Demon Lover*, *Boarding Gate*), **The Summer Hours** has been equally well-received by audiences as a warm and wise drama about the mysteries of life. An ensemble effort starring French superstar **Juliette Binoche** (*Paris je t'aime*, *Caché*, *Chocolat*, *The English Patient*), the accomplished cast includes **Charles Berling** (*Demon Lover*, *Obsession*); **Jérémy Renier** (*Atonement*, *L'Enfant*); **Edith Scob** (*Eyes without a Face*, *Nuits Rouges*), **Dominique Reymond** (*Artemisia*, *Ma Mere*) and **Kyle Eastwood** (*yes, the son of Clint*).

A meditation on our changing relationship to possessions and family legacies, **The Summer Hours** deals with subject matter that will move the hardest heart – losing a parent, losing the places of your childhood and letting go of family possessions. What make this film a masterpiece is the artful way Assayas conveys the flow of life, which brings change, and is much stronger, truer and deeper than the melancholy felt by looking to the past.

On Sunday November 15, **The Summer Hours** is part of a double-feature, preceded by the Moroccan film **What A Wonderful World** (in French and Arabic with English subtitles), films starting at 4:00 and 6:30 respectively.

The Cincinnati chapter of the Alliance Française will host the social hour and cash bar at 5:30 pm, Sunday, November 15. Metro residents interested in French culture, language, activities and learning more about Alliance membership are cordially invited to attend both films and visit with Alliance Française members.

The Summer Hours will screen again, **Tuesday November 17, at 7:30pm. The Tuesday social hour, beginning at 6:30 pm, will be sponsored by the NKU Cinema Studies Program and Johnson Investment Council.**



Leading the post-film discussion on Tuesday, November 17, will be Hyde Park resident Dr. Gisele Lorient-Raymer, associate professor of French at Northern Kentucky University.

Featuring free parking and full handicapped access, the Carnegie is at 1028 Scott Blvd., Covington, KY 41011. Single tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$11.00* at the door. \$9.00* tickets for students, Enjoy The Arts and WVXU Perks members with valid ID are available only at the door. * includes Carnegie facility charge. Advance single tickets are available on-line via the **CWC website**, by phone and in person at the **Carnegie Arts Center** and at these local outlets: **Sitwell's Coffee House** (Clifton); **Lookout Joe Coffee Roasters** (Mt. Lookout Square); **Shake-It Records** (Northside) and the **Coffee Emporium** (Downtown). Double-feature tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door, before inclusion of the Carnegie facility charge, available online and through the Carnegie.

The Global Cinema Series is sponsored by WVXU, 91.7 FM, Cincinnati's leading source of news and information.

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Details and information (trailer, film details, festival awards, ticket outlet maps, etc.) are available at the CWC website: <http://www.cincyworldcinema.org> and by calling 859.781.8151. Preview screeners are available for credited reviewers; still photos are available for print publications.

About Cincinnati World Cinema Now in our eighth year, Cincinnati World Cinema is an all-volunteer organization showcasing unique motion pictures not normally shown in Cincinnati, with a focus on high-quality films that explore the human condition and celebrate cultural diversity. International, independent, narrative, short and documentary films are typically followed by discussions with filmmakers or local experts to enhance the educational experience. More information: <http://www.cincyworldcinema.org>

About The Alliance Française The mission of the Alliance Française is to promote the appreciation of the French and francophone cultures, increase the knowledge of the French language, and encourage interactions among French, francophone and American people through language classes, social events and information sharing. The Alliance Française de Cincinnati is an independent chapter of a worldwide organization. The Alliance Française is a non-profit organization, founded in 1883 in Paris, which now has over 1100 chapters in 132 countries. More information: http://www.france-cincinnati.com/af/Menus_AF.htm

About The NKU Cinema Studies Program Even though movies are over a century old, they have become one of the most influential and popular art forms in the world. As the importance of visual information and narrative grows, this minor helps prepare students for life in the digital age. Located in the Department of English, the cinema studies program allows students to develop and broaden their critical understanding of the history, theory, production, reception and analysis of cinema as an international social practice of cultural narrative, commentary and artistic expression. More information: <http://cin.nku.edu>

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