Proctors: “RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA” Awaits Sophisticates

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in presenting

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7 French films will screen in the GE Theatre at Proctors

and 50 other US cities during March

Schenectady, NY – February 21, 2012 --PROCTORS arts and entertainment complex will join **The Film Society of Lincoln Center, Unifrance Films** and **Emerging Pictures** in presenting during March the 17th edition of **RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA,** the celebrated annual showcase of the best in contemporary French film.

In New York State’s Capital Region, audiences will be able to see the films between March 5 – March 14, 2012 at Proctors, 432 State Street in the heart of Downtown Schenectady,

This year marks the first collaboration with Emerging Pictures and the **RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA** series, and the first time that audiences in cities across the country will have the opportunity to see these films in local theaters via Emerging Pictures’s digital delivery technology. Emerging Pictures is the largest all-digital specialty film and alternate content theater network in the U.S., delivering independent films, cultural programs and special events to 300 American and Canadian venues.

Via the Emerging Pictures technology, audiences in select cities will also be able to participate in live interactive Q & A sessions with directors and actors from the **RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH**

CINEMA films. The Q & A sessions will be "broadcast" live to participating theaters from New York's Film Society of Lincoln Center Walter Reade Theater and the Brooklyn Academy of Music's BAMcinématek theater.

At Proctors, the **RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA** series offerings will be shown as follows:

March 5 & 7

PATER
Directed by Alain Cavalier

Starring Vincent Lindon and Alain Cavalier

France – 2011

Running time: 105 min.

Synopsis: France's most unpredictable filmmaker, Alain Cavalier, teams up with actor Vincent Lindon for a witty, semi-improvised look at men, power and politics, starring Cavalier himself as a fictional French President and Lindon as his newly appointed Prime Minister.

March 5 - 6

17 GIRLS (17 FILLES)

Directed by Delphine Coulin and Muriel Coulin

France – 2011

Running time: 90 min.
Based on a headline-grabbing incident in the U.S., sisters Delphine and Muriel Coulin's provocative debut feature follows the fallout in a sleepy French coastal town when a group of teenage girls all decide to become pregnant at the same time.

March 6 - 7

MOON CHILD (LA PERMISSION DE MINUIT)
Directed by: Crystel Fournier

Starring Vincent Lindon, Emmanuelle Devos, Quentin Challal.

France – 2011

Running time: 110 min.
Romain is a "moon child," afflicted since birth by a rare genetic deficiency that makes him unable to stand exposure to daylight. Since infancy he has been cared for by David, a consultant dermatologist who is fascinated with his case and with whom he has developed an unusually close relationship. Now

David has to leave, and doesn't know how to tell Romain. The day of the separation draws near... a new ordeal for them both.

March 5 – 6

THE SCREEN ILLUSION (L'ILLUSION COMIQUE)
Directed by and starring: Mathieu Amalric

France – 2011

Running time: 77 min.
Commissioned by La Comédie-Française, actor-director Mathieu Amalric's wildly inventive update of Corneille's popular 17th century tragicomedy follows a hotel concierge on the trail of a missing young man who seems to have left many a young female heart aflutter.

March 7 & 12

THE LAST SCREENING (LA DERNIÈRE SÉANCE)
Directed by: Laurent Achard

Starring Pascal Cervo, Charlotte van Kemmel, Karole Rocher, Brigitte Sy

France – 2011

Running time: 81 min.
CINEMA PARADISO meets PSYCHO in a provocative genre film about the dutiful manager/projectionist of a repertory cinema in the French provinces...and the many secrets he holds.

March 12 & 14

SMUGGLERS' SONGS (LES CHANTS DE MANDRIN)
Directed by: Rabah Ameur-ZaÏmeche

France – 2011

Running time: 97 min.
The 18th century folk hero and bandit Louis Mandrin is the inspiration for this strikingly relevant period tale, tracing the efforts of Mandrin's followers to distribute his songs and stories in the build-up to the French Revolution.

March 12 & 14

THE WELL-DIGGER'S DAUGHTER (LA FILLE DU PUISATIER)
Directed by: Daniel Auteuil

Starring: Daniel Auteuil, Jane-Pierre Daroussin, Sabine Azema, Kad Merad

France – 2011

Running time: 107 min.
Daniel Auteuil, veteran of Marcel Pagnol adaptations JEAN DE FLORETTE and MANON DES SOURCES, returns to Pagnol for his first work as a director, telling moving story of a hardscrabble well digger, his eldest daughter and her passion for the son of a local shopkeeper.

RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMAat Proctors is sponsored by GE and B95.5fm.

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Press releases, press kits, trailers and hi-res images may be downloaded from: www.rendezvouswithfrenchcinema.com

For ticket information, visit Proctors.org, or Call Proctors Box Office at (518) 346-6204.

About EMERGING PICTURES: Emerging Pictures, managed by Barry Rebo and Ira Deutchman, is the largest all-digital Specialty Film and Alternate Content network of theaters in the United States, as well as a growing presence abroad. The company delivers independent films, cultural programs and special events to a network of nearly 300 American and Canadian venues encompassing traditional art houses, museums and performing arts centers as well as commercial multiplexes including Marcus Theatres, Carmike Cinemas, Harkins Theatres, Allen Theatres, Laemmle Theaters, BIG Cinemas and others. The company also distributes LIVE HD simulcasts and captured live performances of the world's foremost ballet companies and opera houses under its Ballet in Cinema and Opera in Cinema brands worldwide. For more information, visit: www.emergingpictures.com

For more information on the **RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRENCH CINEMA** at Proctors, contact: **Robert Warlock**, Proctors Film Program Coordinator, 518-382-3884 ext. 128.

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