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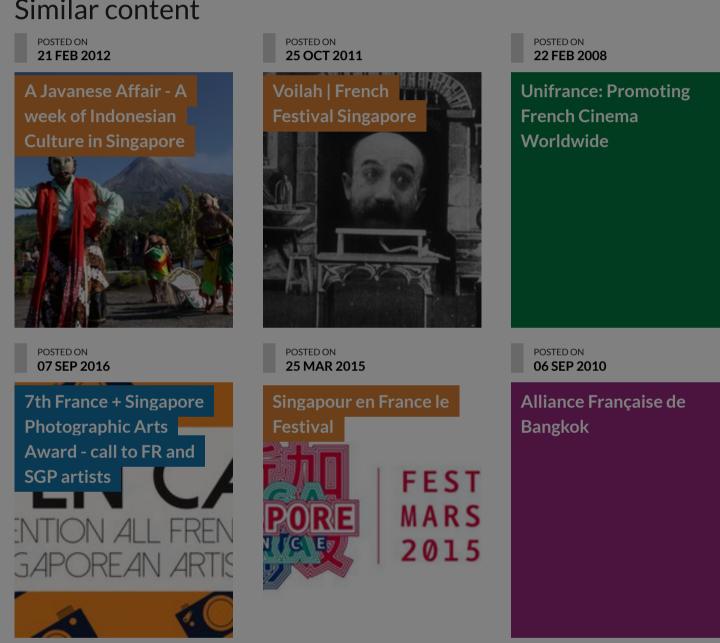




Come 5th December, popular French actress Sophie Marceau will lead a host of other French celebrities to promote the best of French cinema in Singapore at the Societe Generale Private Banking **2nd Rendezvous With French Cinema**. The event will host a dazzling array of French movies that will appeal to every taste. A total of 12 films will be screened across two venues - The Cathay as well as the Alliance Française de Singapour. Opening the Societe Generale Private Banking 2nd Rendezvous With French Cinema will be the film Happiness Never Comes Alone (Un bonheur n'arrive jamais seul) which makes its Southeast Asian debut. Starring the elegant Sophie Marceau and directed by James Huth, the film tells of a love story between two people who are made for each other despite having nothing in common. Ahead of the Oscars, the event will also feature France's official selection for the foreign language film category at next year's Academy Awards - Intouchables - directed by Olivier Nakache and Fric Toledano. The film has currently grossed \$355 million worldwide, receiving rave

reviews for its depiction of the friendship between Philippe (François Cluzet), a wealthy quadriplegic and Driss (Omar Sy), a poor man hired as his live-in caregiver. The festival will also be screening *The* Other Son (Le Fils de l'Autre), which has recently won the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix at the 25th Tokyo Film Festival. A drama about two families - one Israeli, the other Palestinian - that are shaken by a case of mistaken identity, the film is directed by Lorraine Lévy and produced by Mr Raphael Berdugo. Among the other films that will be shown during the festival include *Armed Hands* (*Mains Armées*) directed by Pierre Jolivet; My Lucky Star (Ma bonne étoile) starring Christopher Lambert and Fleur-Lise Heuet and directed by Anne Fasio; Rust and Bone (De rouille et d'os), directed by Jacques Audiard and starring Marion Cotillard; and What's In A Name (Le Prénom), directed by Matthieu Delaporte and starring Charles Berling. Outside of the official film selection, there will also be a special screening at the National Museum of Singapore Cinematheque of *The Children of Paradise (Les enfants du paradis)*, a French film classic from 1945. The film has recently been carefully preserved and digitally remastered by the Pathé-Jérôme Seydoux Foundation. Societe Generale Private Banking 2nd Rendezvous With French Cinema is organised by Institut Français, Unifrance and Alliance Française de Singapour and sponsored by Societe Generale Private Banking. Click Here for Film Schedules and Ticket Bookings!

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