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# Bonjour !

## Académie Francophone de Las Vegas

### Newsletter April 2016

Our Non Profit Organization offers French classes for all, spreads awareness of French and francophone cultures and promotes cultural diversity in the Las Vegas area.

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## NEWS

March was filled with lots of exciting events!

Our 5k Run with **Cirque du Soleil** at Springs Preserve was wonderful! Thank you to all the amazing athletes who participated!



We had a fun week of Spring Break with our French Immersion Camp. Our campers had a great time with art projects, games, sports and cooking workshops. We also had a special visit from a magician to teach us tricks!

Thank you to our volunteers, our teachers and to the families who entrusted us with their children. And last but not least, a big thank you to the children for their laughs and artistic

talents!

Our next French Immersion Camp will be from June 27 to August 5, 2016.



Thank you for attending our Spring Picnic on March 27. Great food and great people!



We are very proud to announce that two of our students, **Shirley Jackson** and **Marc Zeman**, passed the DELF B2 exam. It is a diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education to prove the French-language skills of non-French candidates. There are six independent diplomas, which correspond, respectively, to the six levels of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Bravo to Shirley and Marc!



Great news ! Members of l'Académie Francophone de Las Vegas can get a special offer for the show 'Twisted Vegas' with Alex Goude who is a French television host, author and actor. "Twisted Vegas" is a French parody of Las Vegas by and with Alex Goude. Not to be missed!!!! Buy one ticket get one free with code STBOGO

For more information: [twisted.vegas](http://twisted.vegas)



**COMING IN APRIL...**

"En avril ne te découvre pas d'un fil..."  
 (Warm weather in April isn't to be trusted)



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## FRENCH CLASSES - SPRING SESSION

Our next session of classes will start on **May 2** and will end on **June 25** for **adults**. For **children** the classes will be from **May 2 to May 27** and our **French Immersion Summer camp** will start **June 27** for 6 weeks.

All ages and levels are welcome. Free placement tests available. Call us or visit our website for more information [Click Here](#)



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## PETIT DEJEUNER

### PETIT DEJEUNER FRANÇAIS

Saturdays April 2 and 16, 2016 at  
9.30am

***New location!***



### "[Délices Gourmands](#)"

3620 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV  
89102 (702-331-2526).

Join us to practice your French over an  
excellent breakfast!



## FRENCH FRIDAY ! SOIREE CONVERSATION

**FRIDAY APRIL 8, FROM 6.00 TO 7.30 PM**

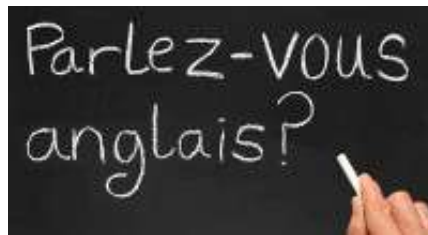
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[La Maison de Maggie](#)

### **French Friday - Mix, Mingle, and Network...en français!**

L'Académie Francophone de Las Vegas aims to provide a platform of expression where lovers of France and French can share experiences, knowledge, ideas, points of view, meet, mix, mingle, get to know each other, opening a cross cultural dialogue for better mutual understanding. This is why AFLV has decided to launch French Fridays once a month, every second Friday, a regular gathering for AFLV students, members and general public to meet, mix and mingle and network, all in French (but English or any other language is welcome). We want to offer an informal get together for people to discuss in French, practice language skills while savoring French crêpes, salads, smoothies or other drinks from la Maison de Maggie.

**Members of the AFLV get a 10% discount on their purchase.**



## ENGLISH CLASSES FOR FRANCOPHONES

**Every Friday from 11am to 12:30PM**

*Académie Francophone de Las Vegas (6425 W. Sahara Ave. #220, LV, 89146)*

<http://www.aflasvegas.org/cours-d-anglais-pour-francophones.html>

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## ARIZONA GET OUT

**Saturday-Sunday April 9-10, 2016**

We will depart Las Vegas at 8:30 AM, Saturday, April 9, 2016 and travel South on US-93. We will cross over the Colorado on the Mike O'Callaghan – Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, the second highest bridge in the US at 840 feet over the river. Sorry but stops are not allowed as we arrive in Arizona!

We will make a stop at Uranus gas station, White Hills, Az and continue to Kingman, AZ to tour Route 66 Museum. After learning about the Mother Road it will be time to enjoy the picnic we brought at Locomotive Park or at Metcalfe Park. We are only half an hour away from our destination: Hualapai Mountain Park. Once settled for the night, in a cabin, camp site, or teepee depending of our reservation we can explore the area until dinner at Hualapai Mountain Resort. We hope to see elk, mule deer, foxes, squirrels, chipmunks, and a wide variety of songbirds and maybe birds of prey, including owls, hawks, and golden eagles. Sunday we will decide if we want to spend more time at Hualapai and go back directly to Las Vegas, or opt to go to Oatman, AZ and return through Laughlin, NV. If you would like to go please let Valérie know so we can plan on transportation, night accommodations, ... [francecontact@aol.com](mailto:francecontact@aol.com)

# French Movie Night

Please join us for a free French movie every third Friday of the month. All movies are shown in French with English subtitles.

*Thank you to our partners: Institut français de Paris, Consulat de France à Los Angeles and the Club français de UNLV*



## FRENCH MOVIE NIGHT

**MARIAGE A MENDOZA** (WELCOME TO ARGENTINA) (2012)

Comedy by Edouard Deluc.

**Friday April 15, 2016 - 6.30PM**

**Synopsis:** Marcus and his brother Antoine head to Argentina for their cousin's wedding. They plan to explore all that Buenos Aires has to offer before making the trip to Mendoza in the west. Marcus is thrilled to be on the road and determined to have fun, while Antoine is depressed after being dumped by his wife, who refused to come with them at the last minute. Marcus will do anything it takes to cheer up his little brother. After a very caliente evening in the capital, they hit the road, discovering Argentina vineyard's and making unlikely encounters.

**Venue:** UNLV, Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH) - Room 103.

<https://www.unlv.edu/maps/campus/BEH>

**In French with English Subtitles. Free admission.**

**Please Join Us After the Movie,** we are meeting at 8.30 PM at Bahama Breeze.

## Volunteers Spotlight



## Elsa Baron

Elsa was born in Paris and grew up in Dijon with her family. She played the flute at the conservatory for ten years. Her law studies led her to live in several different cities in France including La Rochelle, Bordeaux and Lille. She has always been greatly interested in human rights and environmental issues and successfully graduated with a master's in public law.

Elsa enjoys traveling and discovering the world. She moved to Las Vegas one year ago in the hopes of improving her English. She has been a volunteer at the Académie Francophone de Las Vegas and has been helping the teachers in the kids' programs (camps and after school). She was also instrumental in setting up the Académie's library. Through the Académie, Elsa has made new friends and has been able to find a little taste of France at the other end of the world. What's more, she has discovered that she has a genuine interest in teaching.

Merci Elsa for your help which is greatly appreciated. Your patience, creativity and dedication are part of the success of our organization!

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## Artists Spotlight







## Jean Sok

Jean was born and raised in Dijon and is French of Cambodian descent. He has been living out his passion for dance since the age of 15. He was the French breakdancing champion in 2010 and has won many international titles.

He studied accounting and worked in finances in Bordeaux before joining Cirque du Soleil for one of its biggest world tours: Michael Jackson Immortal World Tour.

Recognized all over the world for his unique talent, he has been a guest on many television shows (Ellen DeGeneres, So You Think You Can Dance, Billboard Music Awards, etc.).

Today, he lives in Las Vegas and is a performer in the Cirque du Soleil show, Michael Jackson One. In his free time, he loves to cook and go to the movies.

He became a member of the Académie to meet French people living in Vegas.

To learn more about Jean, visit:

<http://jeansok.wix.com/jeansok>

Nous remercions Jean pour son soutien à notre association.

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## Mark your Calendars

**Sunday, May 1st, 2016 at 1.00PM**

French Show "**COMME ILS DISENT...**" (What makes a man a man)

at Rendezvous Restaurant and Wine Bar (2605 Decatur Blvd LAS VEGAS)

RSVP only : \$ 25 (Lunch + show) Reservations: [Showtix4U.com](http://Showtix4U.com)

Le seul show à Las Vegas en Français par des comédiens français !  
The only show in Las Vegas performed in French by French comedians !

LA TROUPE DU LUMINAIRE présente



**Comme ils disent**  
« WHAT MAKES A MAN A MAN »  
Comédie de Pascal Rocher et Christophe Dauphin

**RENDEZVOUS Restaurant and Wine Bar**  
2605 Decatur Blvd Suite 120 (North West corner of Sahara and Decatur) LAS VEGAS

May 1st, 2016 Sunday 1pm-2pm Déjeuner / Lunch  
2:15pm Show  
Cash Bar (selected French Wines and full Bar)  
R.S.V.P. / [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com)  
\$ 25.00 ticket - RSVP only

On **Saturday, May 28, 2016** current Members of the Académie Francophone de Las Vegas are invited to join the Board of Directors for its **Annual General Meeting**. We will report briefly on this past year's activities and look at the projects for the year ahead. A 'verre de l'amitié' will be served, making this event the perfect opportunity to acquaint or reacquaint yourself with the Académie Francophone and its team of board members, teachers and volunteers. This event is FREE. Food and drinks will be served.

More information coming soon...

[Opera Las Vegas](#) presents **Carmen** on **June 10 and 12, 2016**.

**Carmen** is an opera in four acts by French composer Georges Bizet based on a novella of the same title by Prosper Mérimée. The opera was first performed at the Opéra-Comique in Paris on 3 March 1875 and was not well received, largely due to its breaking of convention and controversial main characters, which shocked and scandalized its first audiences. Bizet died suddenly after the 33rd performance, and therefore was unaware of its outstanding success in Vienna later that year, or that it would win enduring international acclaim within the next ten years. Carmen has since become one of the most popular and frequently performed operas in the classical canon; the "Habanera" from act 1 and the "Toreador Song" from act 2 are among the best known of all operatic arias.



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## Un peu d'humour

"Do you think he noticed it?"

In France, those who are fooled on April 1 are called the "Poisson d'Avril" (the April Fish). A common prank (especially among school-aged children) is to place a paper fish on the back of an unsuspecting person. When the paper fish is discovered, the victim is declared a "Poisson d'Avril." To learn more about this tradition [Click Here](#).



## Membership

### OUR MEMBERSHIPS

Not a member of the Académie Francophone yet? It is never too late ...

Become a member and participate in a range of educational, cultural and social activities. You can support a non-profit that promotes cross-cultural understanding, while taking advantage of special member benefits. As a duly registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, all donations made to AFLV are tax deductible. We are very grateful to all our generous contributors!

Join [NOW!](#)

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Merci et à bientôt !

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