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# Summer Hours

A film by  
**Olivier ASSAYAS**



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“Olivier Assayas’s new film is not a radical departure from his previous work, but the differences are nonetheless striking. It has a mature look and feel, made by an artist completely at ease with the medium. Without striving for effect, Assayas is happy to let the material speak for itself. And what a magnificent achievement it is.

**Summer Hours** deals with ideas of tradition and family heritage, using a house and a garden as a metaphor for cultural memory.

Incisively written, superbly acted by some of France’s finest performers and boasting a delicately understated approach to the subject matter, Assayas’s new film moves effortlessly through its narrative with all the grace of Renoir at the height of his powers.»

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## S Y N O P S I S

The divergent paths of three forty something siblings collide when their mother, heiress to her uncle's exceptional 19th century art collection, dies suddenly. Left to come to terms with themselves and their differences, Adrienne (Juliette Binoche) a successful New York designer, Frédéric (Charles Berling) an economist and university professor in Paris, and Jérémie (Jérémie Renier) a dynamic businessman in China, confront the end of childhood, their shared memories, background and unique vision of the future.

# A B O U T S U M M E R H O U R S : I N T E R V I E W W I T H O L I V I E R A S S A Y A S

**The script of your film was inspired by an initiative from the Musée d'Orsay. Was this a constraint during the writing process?**

Not at all. In the beginning, there was the desire of the Musée d'Orsay to associate cinema with the celebrations of its twentieth birthday by offering «carte blanche» to four directors from very different backgrounds. These four short films were intended to be brought together in one film. For technical reasons, the project had to be abandoned.

What remained was the initial spark that inspired my friend Hou Hsiao Hsien and me: the characters, a framework that was too big for a short film from the outset and which, once the film moved away from its initial context, became completely autonomous.

For me, the relationship between the work and the museum and between the museum-goer and the displayed objects was the oldest geological strata. This determined my personal exploration of a universal theme. Many other layers were applied later, following the same process of creation as every one of my films.

**Your family drama has a Chekhovian feel. Are you a «literary» director?**

I have always been interested in the structure of the novel. But «literary» often refers to the 19th century, to the classical novel, whereas I've also been affected by contemporary literature. My relation to film writing is more literary than «scenaristic.» And from this perspective, I have no problem with being literary. I really admire Chekhov. I'm tempted to say: like everybody else. When we were shooting, I'd sometimes say jokingly to the actors that our film was a distant echo of «*The Cherry Orchard*» even though I haven't seen the play performed in a long while...

**You have again brought three generations together on screen, after your family saga «*Les destinées*». What interests you in this motif of the family?**

Everyone has his own relationship with family and in one way or another, knows its internal dynamics. As a result, it can easily be transposed to another context and remain real. Even if my relations with my family aren't those of the film, there are inevitable autobiographical echoes. The reaction it triggered in each actor is another case in point. There's the film I wrote and the film we made. I let the actors invent their characters, comprised of their own experiences. When we're dealing with a simple, universal subject, everyone has something authentic to contribute.

Furthermore, I feel that I'd never really made a film about family before «*Summer Hours*.» «*Les destinées*» was a period film adapted from a book by Jacques Chardonne. It is more his world than mine, more his era than ours. With «*Summer Hours*», I was able to speak about the relations between brothers and sisters, in the present.

**«*Summer Hours*» is situated in a less «globalist» vein than your recent films. Why return to a more intimate story at this particular moment in your career?**

This film comes after a trilogy which hadn't been conceived as such, structured around the notion of internationalized society. With «*Demonlover*», «*Clean*» and «*Boarding Gate*» I wanted to tell stories about the world today, where cultures and languages mix, where the movement of people is determined - as it has always been - by the movement of merchandise and money. I had no idea this would distance me so much from my original thematic and the established values of French cinema. I've wanted to come back home for a while, even if I may leave again afterwards. This is why I immediately accepted the Musée d'Orsay project. It was an opportunity to bring me back to the subject of my past, my history and my roots. I wrote it at a time when I realized that my mother would not live forever. She died last year. So I was forced to rethink the film, which had taken on overwhelming significance for me.





**At the same time, globalization is there, in Jérémie and Adrienne's professions that take them abroad...**

Certainly. Yet I see a difference between the career of an artist like Adrienne (Juliette Binoche), who no longer thinks about geographical borders, and that of her brother Jérémie (Jérémie Renier) who is part of a movement, part of the history of modern economy - the very economy that Frédéric (Charles Berling) does not believe in.

In Europe, there is a lot of abdication among technical/sales executives who identify with Anglo-Saxon free-market culture and its values, learned interchangeably in French or American business schools. These modern executives, the lower to middle ranks of today's bourgeoisie, are often the most active players in society. They scorn their own history and, deep down, their own identity. I'm very skeptical about this development, which seems wrong to me.

I wanted to tell the story of a family that has roots in the past but with ramifications in the present. What happens when one generation takes over from another? Globalization is as much a human as economic phenomenon, which implicates transformations in the social existence of individuals. In most branches of contemporary industry, an executive will have to deal with the issue of being relocated, to wherever his profession has been displaced, according to the new circulation of knowledge and skills. This has consequences in terms of transmission, history and identity.

Ancient or traditional forms of the family are transfiguring. It is no longer a question of fighting to possess family heritage, but rather knowing how to get rid of it. How does this past, which no longer represents much, all of a sudden jump on us from behind? What do we do with it? What interests me in the movie is not so much the material value of things, but their symbolic value.

**Is the family home, in its permanence, one of the film's characters?**

I know it's not very original, but I'm convinced that places have souls. The house materializes the link between the characters and, in a way, what gets lost among them is this link. Generation after generation, something has been left in this house, layer by layer, stratus by stratus. When it's gone, everything that united the characters comes undone, disappears, becomes a void. The house is at the heart of the film, as a material place and one invested in the flux of identity.

**This is your third film with Charles Berling. What do you appreciate most about him?**

The human relation is what is most precious to me with actors. I'd say the same about everyone who worked on the film. That's where all exchange begins.

It is important for me that the actors absorb what the character and story are telling, above all by appropriating it,





making it resound with their own individual sensibility. I have wanted to work with Charles Berling at different moments in my career. He has a rather unique capacity for transforming himself, exploring in cinema and theater the multiple facets of his personality: it is also, I think, in this manner that I approach film writing.

**We get the impression that he is sort of your alter ego in this film...**

I'm forced to confront this question after three films together! Of course, in *«Summer Hours»* Charles Berling is the spokesman for my own questioning. As it is often the case with my films, there's a bit of me in all of them, dosed randomly. In this film there's some of me in Frédéric but also in Adrienne and others too.

**You're a director of movement. Yet your film is about memory, which is often considered fixed.**

I have no sense of nostalgia and I even feel uncomfortable with this question. I wanted to make a film about transmission, the past and the way that things occur in a flux, which is the movement of life. I manage to overcome that which pulls me backwards, like the legitimate sentimental attachment to a place or a history. But the flow of life, which brings change, is much stronger, truer and deeper than the melancholy you feel by looking to the past.

**Still, seriousness catches up with the teenager in the last part of the film...**

Teenagers are caught up in a state of becoming, with irresistible force. But at the same time they are attached to the shell in which they grew up. They are always very perturbed when the reference points that seemed unchanging suddenly move. They are saddened by the loss of this family home. Their memory will be more alive because it is transmitted in an unformulated, organic way. They didn't have the time to think it out, to feel the weight...

**Your films also seem to have followed a cycle and *«Summer Hours»* brings together all your themes.**



What is new for me, in this film, is that I'm with both the adults and the teenagers in a way that seems indistinguishable to me. I don't know whether «*Summer Hours*» is a summing up of everything that preceded it, but it does recapitulate a lot of things at a moment when I felt the need to do so. Likewise «*Disorder*» my first film, was a sort of matrix, an intimate self-portrait of that time in my life: it represented everything I knew about the world up to that point. And where there is intimacy, there is universality.

**In «*Late August, Early September*», your characters didn't seem to want to close off the world of possibilities. In «*Summer Hours*» they have grown up and must face the inevitable...**

Indeed. My characters have no choice but to become adults. The previous generation has gone. They are not shielded from time or maturity anymore. In fact they're right in the firing line. «*Summer Hours*» addresses this. My protagonists are no longer happy to just be in the present or to inventory the past. They ask themselves a new question: what they will leave behind? This time it was very clear to me that I wanted to return to a certain lightness, a spontaneity, and ease that I felt while making «*Late August, Early September*» which was a happy time for me, possibly because I felt it was vulnerable and perishable. I knew that afterwards I had to make «*Les destinées*» a heavy and complicated production. It was like setting out to climb Mount Everest. Since then I've regretted what I left behind and I've wanted to come back to it. «*Summer Hours*» gave me this opportunity.

**«*Summer Hours*» espouses the rhythms and tonalities of the seasons. How did you achieve this?**

Cinematographically, each chapter of the film imposed its own style. When we're with Hélène (Edith Scob), things are grounded. In the first part, I tried, so far as possible, to capture the family interacting together, swathed in light, with all the generations together. Afterwards, each person cuts himself off. There is no more of that life centered on a family. Children and nature are gone. We're with the adults. We've left a sensual world for one that grows harder and darker. When the teenagers come to the fore, seasons have passed. It is springtime again. I adapt to their rhythm, using long shots with a hand-held camera that were absent from the rest of the film. We follow their movement, their running about, their joy. The group and the house blend together in a pure choreography that takes its time.

**The objects of the family legacy are charged with emotion. They have a friendly presence in the house. But they become static, exposed to everyone in the museum, almost captives.**

I wanted to talk about how art is born from life and gets embalmed in museums. I like museums but the pieces in them are in a zoo. When they are made, they live, breathe and exist with the world. The museum takes their light away. Using the Decorative Arts allowed me to highlight this. A chair or an armoire are made to participate in the lives of human beings. On display, they lose their meaning and their truth. I experienced first-hand the anecdote Frédéric tells of his visit to a private collection with a painter. I was with Francesco Clemente, one of the great contemporary artists, whom I admire very much. The artworks were held in a sort of sinister vault-apartment in Switzerland. He was horrified to find one of his own works there. Today painting has lost a lot of its soul in a frenzied relation to money.

**Isn't it a metaphor for France, which can be seen like a museum?**

There's something stiff about Europe, something fixed, its reluctance to participate in the movement of the world. Nevertheless, the French are interested in the world - they take part of it, they travel. But there is a structure - the country, identity, - the beams of which creak when it has to fit itself into to the flow of today's world. Are we sure that these flows are desirable? Wouldn't we rather hold onto what we've acquired over time? This is the current social debate in France and it is right to be having it. What are the roles to be played by history, what's being lived, and the transformation of the world? In Asia, in Latin America, and partially still in the United States. We can see where history is being made. In France the question is not «are we making history?» but «what do we do with the history of others?»

**You are very attentive to the texture of your images. How did you work with Eric Gautier, your cinematographer?**

Eric Gautier and I said early on that we would accentuate the movements of death and resurrection in the film. But I didn't want to use painting or photography as a starting point. He knows my passion for Bonnard... We have spoken about him a thousand times. So instead I pointed him toward the poetic heart of the matter. I got him to listen to music: English hippy folk music from the sixties and seventies. I wanted a note that would evoke space, nature, melancholy, the passage of time and the seasons. In the end, there is very little music in the film but it has never been so easy for me to place it because it's the music, as it is often the case, that inspired me. I knew in advance that it would blend seamlessly into the film. I looked among the compositions of Robin Williamson and the Incredible String Band, a hippy group that was scorned for a while but which is being rediscovered today. Its blend of Celtic and Oriental tonalities evokes a childlike sense of wonder.

Again, you combine opposites in this film. Your realist approach, anchored in the here and now, encounters your stylization. In this way you are similar to the Asian directors you admire. Do you claim these influences as your own?

I want to answer very simply that «*Summer Hours*» is my most Taiwanese film! It's my own personal schizophrenia, but I've always felt like a sort of Taiwanese director working in France. When I started making movies, the preoccupations of Hou Hsiao-Hsien and Edward Yang affected me, resonated with my own. Later I became interested in the work of Wong Kar Wai and Tsai Ming-Liang. They are more my family than French cinema of the time, that of directors starting back then, with whom I had little in common in the generational sense. Their preoccupations were not mine. We had followed different paths. As strange as it may seem, with my Chinese friends I felt I could have, symbolically, the dialogue I had been deprived of here. With «*Summer Hours*» I return to very local material where there is a relationship to nature, time and modernity, the themes I share with Hou Hsiao-Hsien.

*Conversation with Sandrine Marques, Paris, January 11, 2008.*





## JULIETTE BINOCHÉ ON HER CHARACTER



Adrienne is a rebel. She wanted to shake off the past, reinvent herself and get out from under the weight of her family. That's why she went far away, to the other side of the Atlantic. The distance allowed her to refashion herself. She is full of contradictions... Despite her inner turbulence, Adrienne is close to her mother and connected with her brothers but this closeness is why she needs to affirm her difference. The fact that she accomplishes herself more in her work than in her life is part of what sets her apart. It reveals her need to break away.

When I read the script, I liked the idea of exploring family relationships and looking at the question of heritage. What do we inherit? What do we cling to in this final separation? What matters to us: the character we inherit, material things, places we grew up in, family relationships? In the end I had the impression that Adrienne inherits the family's creative heritage (she is a well-known designer). At the same time, her mother's death leaves her in an abyss that isolates her from her brothers.

## CHARLES BERLING ON HIS CHARACTER

When I first read the script I was working on «*Caligula*» for the theater and I was immediately moved: the relationship to heritage, to culture, to barbarism, these people who brush away an entire cultural and artistic history. It is a film about memory, the place of memory from one generation to the next, what we leave to others and the state of France today.

I'm very responsive to paintings and objects, to art. I've often discussed this with my son, because for his generation, it seems logical to sweep away a certain amount of values, to reject them or to rebel against them. Then, Olivier wanted Emile, my son, to play the role of my son in the movie. There was an interesting mirror effect.



## JEREMIE RENIER ON HIS CHARACTER



My character is the youngest in the family and in a way, he wants to prove he is an adult. He manages a company and has a family. He has responsibilities.

As an actor, I am drawn to playing different characters and transforming myself. I try to see how the character could develop. That's how I see the job of acting: as research that also requires putting yourself at risk.

Olivier Assayas' film resonated in me. I looked at the question of transmission in a documentary I made about my grandfather. He has died since then. I also wanted to explore an inter-generational theme.

«*Summer Hours*» is the story of a life with universal implications. There was a real alchemy in the group while we were shooting. Olivier Assayas is a director who pays special attention to actors. The place actors occupy is what's most important to him. He puts them first, which makes it a pleasure to work with him. He leaves us the freedom to express ourselves and make suggestions. He is always on the lookout and he lets his actors bounce off each other.

# S E L E C T I V E F I L M O G R A P H I E S

## Juliette BINOCHÉ

**JE VOUS SALUE MARIE**  
(Hail Mary)  
by Jean-Luc GODARD

**LA VIE DE FAMILLE**  
(Family Life)  
by Jacques DOILLON

**RENDEZ-VOUS**  
by André TECHINE

**MAUVAIS SANG**  
(Bad Blood)  
by Léos CARAX

**L'INSOUTENABLE  
LÉGÈRETÉ DE L'ÊTRE**  
(The Unbearable Lightness of Being)  
by Philip KAUFMAN

**LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF** (The Lovers on the Bridge)  
by Léos CARAX

**LES HAUTS DE HURLEVENT**  
(Wuthering Heights)  
by Peter KOSMINSKY

**FATALE**  
(Damage)  
by Louis MALLE

**BLEU**  
(Three Colors - Blue)  
by Krzysztof KIESLOWSKI

**LE HUSSARD SUR LE TOIT**  
(The Horseman on the Roof)  
by J-P RAPPENEAU

**UN DIVAN A NEW YORK**  
(A Couch in New York)  
by Chantal AKERMAN

**LE PATIENT ANGLAIS**  
(The English Patient)  
by Anthony MINGHELLA

**ALICE ET MARTIN**  
(Alice and Martin)  
by André TECHINE

**LES ENFANTS DU SIÈCLE**  
(The Children of the Century)  
by Diane KURYS

**LA VEUVE DE SAINT PIERRE** (The Widow of Saint-Pierre)  
by Patrice LECONTE

**CODE INCONNU**  
(Code Unknown)  
by Michael HANEKE

**CHOCOLAT**  
(Chocolate)  
by Lasse HALLSTRÖM

**DECALAGE HORAIRE**  
(Jetlag)  
by Danièle THOMPSON

**IN MY COUNTRY**  
by John BOORMAN

**BEE SEASON**  
by Scott Mc GEHEE & David SIEGEL

**CACHE**  
(Hidden)  
by Michael HANEKE

**MARY**  
by Abel FERRARA

**BREAKING AND ENTERING**  
by Anthony MINGHELLA

**QUELQUES JOURS  
EN SEPTEMBRE**  
(A Few Days in September)  
by Santiago AMIGORENA

**DESENGAGEMENT**  
(Disengagement)  
by Amos GITAI

**DAN IN REAL LIFE**  
by Peter HEDGES

**LE VOYAGE DU BALLON ROUGE**  
(Flight of the Red Balloon)  
by Haou Hsiao HSIEN

**PARIS**  
by Cédric KLAPISCH

## Charles BERLING

**MEURTRE À DOMICILE**  
by Marc LOBET

**VACHERIE**  
by François CHRISTOPHE

**LES VAISSEAUX DU CŒUR**  
by Andrew BIRKIN

**JUST FRIENDS**  
by Marc Henri WAINBERG

**PULLMAN PARADIS**  
by Michelle ROSIER

**DERNIER STADE**  
by Christian ZERBIB

**CONSENTEMENT MUTUEL**  
(Mutual Consent)  
by Bernard STORA

**PETITS ARRANGEMENTS WITH  
LES MORTS**  
(Coming to Terms with the Dead)  
by Pascale FERRAN

**COUPLES ET AMANTS**  
by John LVOFF

**NELLY ET MONSIEUR ARNAUD**  
(Nelly and Mr. Arnaud)  
by Claude SAUTET

**LOVE ETC**  
by Marion VERNOUX

**RIDICULE**  
by Patrice LECONTE

**NETTOYAGE À SEC**  
(Dry Cleaning)  
by Anne FONTAINE

**LES PALMES DE  
MONSIEUR SCHULTZ**  
by Claude PINOTEAU

**OBSESSION**  
by Peter SEHR

**L'ENNUI**  
by Cédric KAHN

**LA CLOCHE**  
by Charles BERLING

**L'INCONNU DE STRASBOURG**  
by Valéria SARMIENTO

**CEUX QUI M'AIMENT  
PRENDRONT LE TRAIN**  
(Those Who Love Me Can Take the Train)  
by Patrice CHEREAU

**UNE AFFAIRE DE GOUT**  
(A Matter of Taste)  
by Bernard RAPP

**UN PONT ENTRE DEUX RIVES**  
(The Bridge)  
by Gérard DEPARDIEU  
and Frédéric AUBURTIN

**FAIT D'HIVER**  
by Robert ENRICO

**LES ÂMES FORTES**  
(Savage Souls)  
by Raoul RUIZ

**JEU D'ENFANTS**  
(Children's Play)  
by Laurent TUEL

**COMMENT J'AI TUÉ MON PÈRE**  
(How I Killed my Father)  
by Anne FONTAINE

**COMÉDIE DE L'INNOCENCE**  
(Comedy of Innocence)  
by Raoul RUIZ

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(Les destinées)  
by Olivier ASSAYAS

**STARDOM**  
by Denys ARCAND

**SCÈNES DE CRIMES**  
(Scenes of the Crime)  
by Frédéric SCHOENDOERFFER

**FILLES PERDUES, CHEVEUX GRAS**  
(Hypnotized and Hysterical)  
by Claude DUTY

**DEMONLOVER**  
by Olivier ASSAYAS

**CRAVATE CLUB**  
by Frédéric JARDIN

**JE RESTE**  
(I'm Staying)  
by Diane KURYS

**PÈRE ET FILS**  
(Father and Sons)  
by Michel BOUJENAH

**AGENTS SECRETS**  
(Secret Agents)  
by Frédéric SCHOENDOERFFER

**GRABUGE**  
by Jean-Pierre MOCKY

**UN FIL À LA PATTE**  
by Michel DEVILLE

**LA MAISON DE NINA**  
(Nina's Home)  
by Richard DEMBO

**LE SOLEIL ASSASSINÉ**  
(The Sun Assassinated)  
by Abdelkrim BAHLOUL

**LES MURS PORTEURS**  
by Cyril GELBLAT

**J'AI VU TUER BEN BARKA**  
(I Saw Ben Barka Get Killed)  
by Serge LE PERON

**L'HOMME DE SA VIE**  
(The Man of my Life)  
by Zabou BREITMAN

**JE PENSE A VOUS**  
(Made in Paris)  
by Pascal BONITZER

**PAR SUITE D'UN ARRÊT DE  
TRAVAIL**  
by Frédéric ANDREI



## Jérémie RENIER

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**LES SEPT PECHEES CAPITAUX** (*The Seven Deadly Sins*)

by Beatriz FLORES

**LA PROMESSE**

(*The Promise*)

by Jean-Pierre DARDENNE

**LES AMANTS CRIMINELS**

(*Criminal Lovers*)

by François OZON

**LE FETICHISTE**

by Nicolas KLEIN

**SAINT-CYR**

by Patricia MAZUY

**FAITES COMME SI**

**JE N'ETAIS PAS LA**

(*Pretend I'm not Here*)

by Olivier JAHAN

**LE PACTE DES LOUPS**

(*Brotherhood of the Wolf*)

by Christophe GANS

**LE PORNOGRAPHE**

(*The Pornographer*)

by Bertrand BONELLO

**LA GUERRE A PARIS**

(*The War in Paris*)

by Yolande ZAUBERMAN

**EN TERRITOIRE INDIEN**

by Lionel EPP

**TOI, VIEUX**

by Pierre CORE

**VIOLENCE DES ECHANGES EN**

**MILIEU TEMPERE**

(*Work Hard, Play Hard*)

by Jean-Marc MOUTOUT

**SAN ANTONIO**

by Frédéric AUBURTIN

**LE PONT DES ARTS**

by Eugène GREEN

**LA PETITE FADETTE**

by Michaëla WATTEAUX

**CAVALCADE**

by Steve SUISSA

**DIKKENEK**

by Olivier Van HOOFFSTADT

**FAIR PLAY**

by Lionel BAILLIU

**PRESIDENT**

by Lionel DELPLANQUE

**NUE PROPRIETE**

(*Private Property*)

by Joachim LAFOSSE

**REVIENS-MOI**

(*Atonement*)

by Joe WRIGHT

**PARADIS NOUVEAU**

by Mohamed BOUAMARI

**COUPABLE**

by Laetitia MASSON

**L'HEURE D'ETE**

(*Summer Hours*)

by Olivier ASSAYAS

**LE TROISIEME OEIL**

by Christophe FRAIPONT

**UN GRAND GARÇON**

by François TESSIER

**LE SILENCE DE LORNA**

by Jean-Pierre DARDENNE

**IN BRUGES**

by Martin MCDONAGH

**AUX ARMES, ETC.**

by Laure HASSAN

**COURIR**

by Frank NICOTRA

**THE VINTNER'S LUCK**

by Niki CARO

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**LA TETE CONTRE LES MURS**

(*Head Against the Wall*)

by Georges FRANJU

**LE BEL AGE**

(*Love Is When You Make It*)

by Pierre KAST

**LES YEUX SANS VISAGE**

(*Eyes Without a Face*)

by Georges FRANJU

**LA VOIX LACTEE**

(*The Milky Way*)

by Luis BUNUEL

**A CHACUN SON ENFER**

(*To Each his Hell*)

by André CAYATTE

**LA CAVALE DES FOUS**

(*Loonies at Large*)

by Marco PICO

**L'ETE MEURTIER**

(*One Deadly Summer*)

by Jean BECKER

**VENUS BEAUTE**

(*Venus Beauty Institute*)

by Tonie MARSHALL

**LA FIDELITE**

(*Fidelity*)

by Andrzej ZULAWSKI

**LE TEMPS RETROUVE**

(*Time Regained*)

by Raoul RUIZ

**COMEDIE DE L'INNOCENCE**

(*Comedy of Innocence*)

by Raoul RUIZ

**JEANNE LA PUCELLE**

(*Joan the Maid*)

by Jacques RIVETTE

**LE PACTE DES LOUPS**

(*Brotherhood of the Wolf*)

by Christophe GANS

**BON VOYAGE**

by J-P RAPPENEAU

**LA QUESTION HUMAINE**

(*The Human Question*)

by Nicolas KLOTZ

## Dominique REYMOND

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**PINOT SIMPLE FLIC**

by Gérard JUGNOT

**Y AURA T-IL DE LA NEIGE**

**A NOEL ?**

(*Will it Snow for Christmas?*)

by Sandrine VEYSSET

**LA NAISSANCE DE L'AMOUR**

(*The Birth of Love*)

by Philippe GARREL

**SADE**

by Benoît JACQUOT

**PRESQUE RIEN**

(*Come Undone*)

by Sébastien LIFSHITZ

**DANS MA PEAU**

(*In My Skin*)

by Marina DE VAN

**PROCESS**

by C.S LEIGH

**MA MERE**

(*My Mother*)

by Christophe HONORE

**LES DESTINEES SENTIMENTALES**

(*Les destinées*)

by Olivier ASSAYAS

**DEMONLOVER**

by Olivier ASSAYAS

**L'ENFER**

(*Hell*)

by Danis TANOVIC

**IL SERA UNE FOIS**

(*Once Upon a Tomorrow*)

by Sandrine VEYSSET

## Valérie BONNETON

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**VILAINE**

by Jean-Patrick BENES

**EN VOUS REMERCIANT**

by Frédéric PROUST

**LE BOUQUET FINAL**

(*DES FLEURS POUR*

*TOUT LE MONDE*)

by Michel DELGADO

**L'ECOLE POUR TOUS**

by Eric ROCHANT

**LA JUNGLE**

by Matthieu DELAPORTE

**ESSAYE-MOI**

by Pierre-François MARTIN-LAVAL

**JE VOUS TROUVE TRES BEAU**

(*You are so Beautiful*)

by Isabelle MERGAULT

**LA CLOCHE A SONNE**

by Bruno HERBULOT

**JANIS ET JOHN**

(*Janis and John*)

by Samuel BENCHETRIT

**LE BISON (ET SA VOISINE**

**DORINE)**

by Isabelle NANTY

**VOYANCE ET MANIGANCE**

(*Fortune Tellers and Misfortune*)

by Eric FOURNIOLS

**LES DESTINEES SENTIMENTALES**

(*Les destinées*)

by Olivier ASSAYAS

**L'HOMME DE MA VIE**

by Stéphane KURCK

**MOOKIE**

by Hervé PALUD

**JEANNE ET LE GARÇON**

**FORMIDABLE**

(*Jeanne and the Perfect Guy*)

by Olivier DUCASTEL and Jacques

MARTINEAU

**GREVE PARTY**

by Fabien ONTENIENTE

**LA VOIE EST LIBRE**

by Stéphane CLAVIER

## Isabelle SADOYAN

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**LES CAMISARDS**

(*The French Calvinists*)

by René ALLIO

**L'ADOLESCENTE**

(*The Adolescent*)

by Jeanne MOREAU

**LA BANQUIERE**

(*The Woman Banker*)

by Francis GIROD

**HISTOIRE DU PETIT**

**CHAPERON ROUGE**

by Deva SUGEETA

**LE RETOUR DE MARTIN GUERRE**

(*The Return of Martin Guerre*)

by Daniel VIGNE

**LES FANTOMES DU CHAPELIER**

(*The Hatter's Ghost*)

by Claude CHABROL

**ITINERAIRE BIS**

by Christian DRILLAUD

**LA BETE NOIRE**

by Patrick CHAPUT

**TRISTESSE ET BEAUTE**

(*Sadness and Beauty*)

by Joy FLEURY

**PARTIR, REVENIR**

by Claude LELOUCH

**APRES LA GUERRE**

by Jean-Loup HUBERT

**EMBRASSE-MOI**

by Michèle ROSIER

**588, RUE PARADIS**

(*Mother*)

by Henri VERNEUIL

**TROIS COULEURS - BLEU**

(*Three Colors - Blue*)

by Krzysztof KIESLOWSKI

**CARENCES**

by David ROZENBERG

**L'APPAT**

(*Fresh Bait*)

by Bertrand TAVERNIER

**LE HUITIEME JOUR**

(*The Eighth Day*)

by Jaco VAN DORMAEL

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(*Made in France*)

by Ahmed BOUCHAALA

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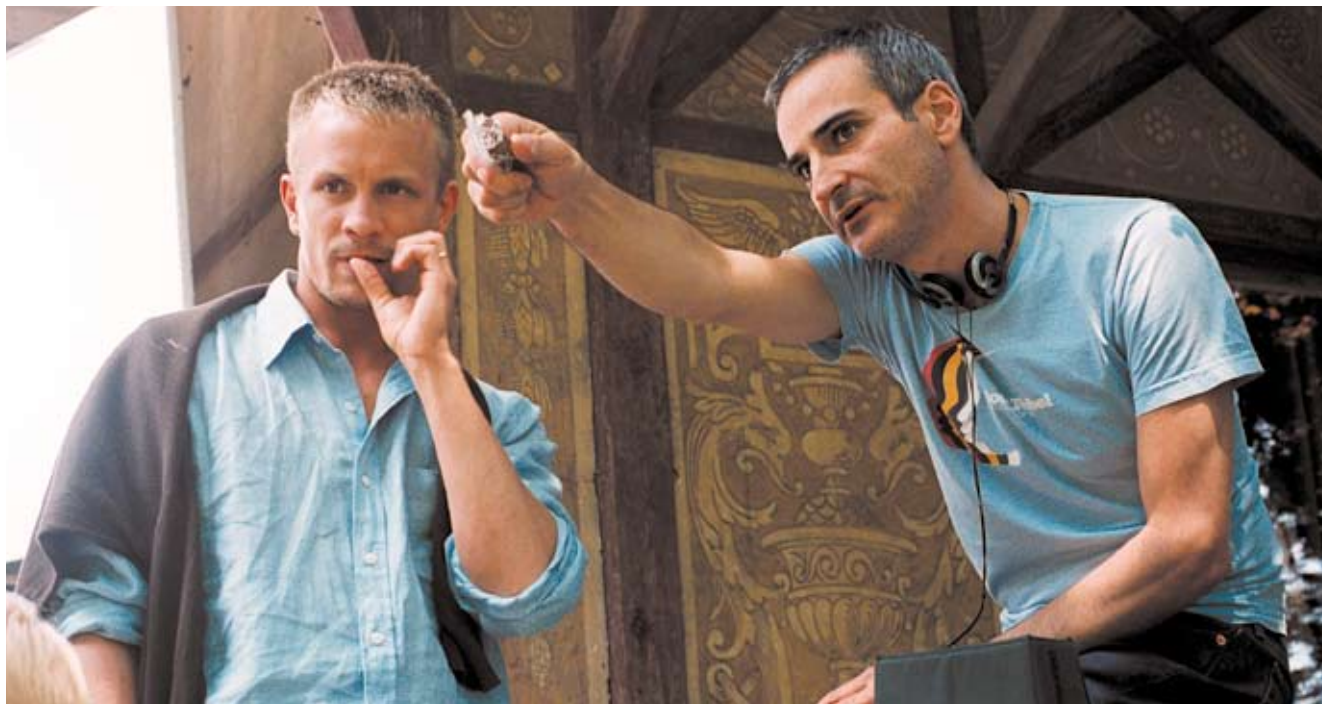
by Robert KECHICHIAN

**LE PASSAGER DE L'ETE**

by Florence MONCORGE-GABIN

**DIDINE**

by Vincent DIETSCHY



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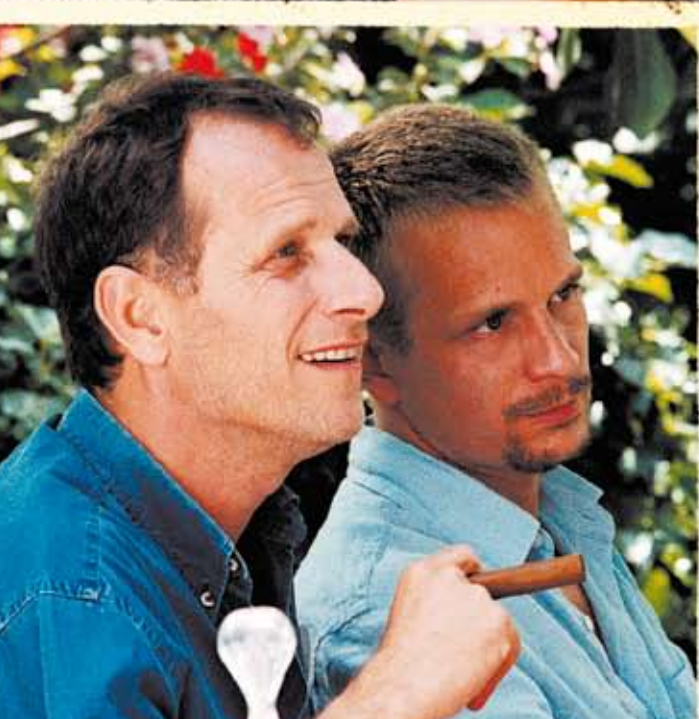
### SCRIPTWRITER AND DIRECTOR

- 2008 **L'HEURE D'ETE** (Summer Hours) with Juliette Binoche, Charles Berling, Jérémie Rénier  
**ELDORADO** (music documentary) with Angelin Prejlocaj, Karlheinz Stockhausen
- 2007 **BOARDING GATE** with Asia Argento, Michael Madsen, Kelly Lin, Carl Loong Ng  
Cannes Festival, Out of Competition
- 2005 **NOISE** (music documentary) with Sonic Youth, Jeanne Balibar, Metric
- 2004 **CLEAN** with Maggie Cheung, Jeanne Balibar, Béatrice Dalle  
Cannes Festival, in Competition, Maggie Cheung, Best actress
- 2002 **DEMONLOVER** with Connie Nielsen, Chloë Sevigny, Charles Berling  
Cannes Festival, in Competition
- 2000 **LES DESTINEES SENTIMENTALES** (Les destinées)  
with Charles Berling, Emmanuelle Béart  
Cannes Festival, in Competition
- 1998 **FIN AOUT, DEBUT SEPTEMBRE** (Late August, Early September)  
with Mathieu Amalric, Virginie Ledoyen, Jeanne Balibar  
San Sebastian Festival, in Competition. Jeanne Balibar, Best actress
- 1997 **HHH, PORTRAIT DE HOU HSIAO-HSIEN**
- 1996 **IRMA VEP** with Maggie Cheung, Bulle Ogier, Jean-Pierre Léaud  
Cannes Festival, Official Selection, Un Certain Regard
- 1994 **L'EAU FROIDE** (Cold Water) with Virginie Ledoyen, Cyprien Fouquet, László Szabó  
Cannes Festival, Official Selection, Un Certain Regard
- 1993 **UNE NOUVELLE VIE** (A New Life) with Sophie Aubry, Judith Godrèche, Bernard Giraudeau
- 1991 **PARIS S'EVEILLE** (Paris Awakens) with Judith Godrèche, Thomas Langmann, Jean-Pierre Léaud  
Jean-Vigo Prize
- 1989 **L'ENFANT DE L'HIVER** (Winter's Child) with Clotilde de Bayser, Michel Feller, Marie Matheron
- 1986 **DESORDRE** (Disorder) with Wadeck Stanczak, Ann-Gisel Glass, Lucas Belvaux  
International Critics' Prize, Venice

### BOOKS

- HONG-KONG CINEMA** (in collaboration with Charles TESSON)  
Edited by l'Etoile, 1984
- CONVERSATION WITH BERGMAN** (in collaboration with Stig BJORKMAN)  
Edited by l'Etoile, 1990.
- ELOGE DE KENNETH ANGER**  
Edited by l'Etoile, 1999
- UNE ADOLESCENCE DANS L'APRES-MAI**  
Edited by Cahiers du cinema, 2005







## C R E W

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Produced by **Marin Karmitz, Nathanaël Karmitz,  
Charles Gillibert**

Cinematography **Eric Gautier A.F.C.**

Editing **Luc Barnier**

Sound **Nicolas Cantin, Olivier Goinard**

Sets **François-Renaud Labarthe**

Costumes **Anaïs Romand, Jürgen Doering**

Production Director **Sylvie Barthet**

Assistant Director **Matthew Gledhill**

Script **Clémentine Schaeffer**

Casting **Antoinette Boulat**



## C A S T

<b>Juliette Binoche</b>	Adrienne
<b>Charles Berling</b>	Frédéric
<b>Jérémie Renier</b>	Jérémie
<b>Edith Scob</b>	Hélène
<b>Dominique Reymond</b>	Lisa
<b>Valérie Bonneton</b>	Angela
<b>Isabelle Sadoyan</b>	Eloïse
<b>Kyle Eastwood</b>	James
<b>Alice de Lencquesaing</b>	Sylvie
<b>Emile Berling</b>	Pierre
<b>Jean-Baptiste Malartre</b>	Michel Waldemar
<b>Gilles Arbona</b>	Maître Lambert
<b>Eric Elmosnino</b>	Commissaire de police
<b>François-Marie Banier</b>	Président de la Commission des Dations

*Paul Berthier does not exist, but if he had, he would have been the modern painter of the transparent clarity of Ile de France, its gardens and its undergrowth, where I grew up. He would have been the painter of that light, that nature, and of the changing seasons. I was inspired by his imaginary oeuvre.*

**Olivier Assayas**



*Uncle*

**PAUL BERTHIER**



**FRÉDÉRIC**



**LISA**



**ADRIENNE**



**SYLVIE**

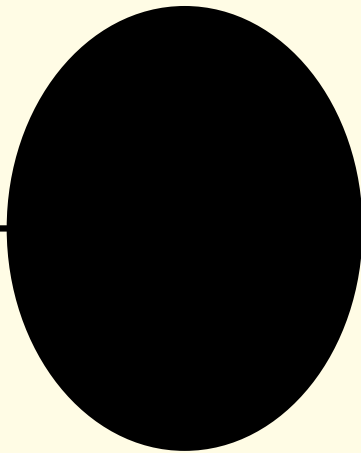


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HÉLÈNE



RENÉ MARLY



JAMES



JÉRÉMIE



ANGELA



ALISTAIR



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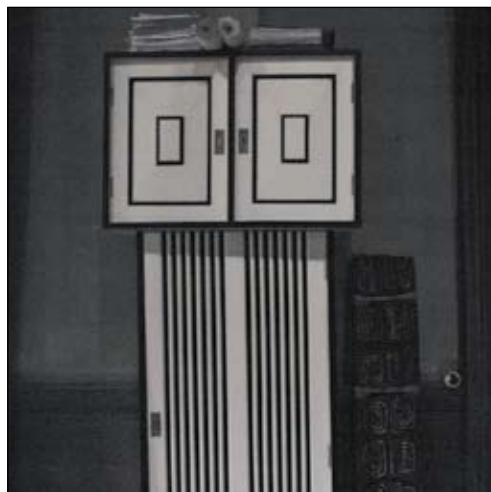
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Smoked glass vase with colored claw feet (1879)  
 Oblong vase in white glass with five green bubbles (1879)  
 Félix Bracquemond - Lent by Mrs. Jundt



Orchid desk (1905)  
 Large half-moon window display case in mahogany and gilded bronze (1905)  
 Louis Majorelle - Lent by the Musée d'Orsay

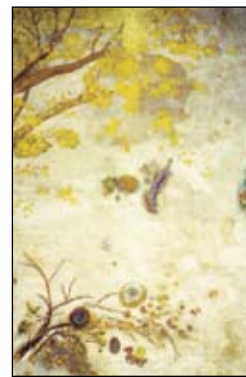


Armoire with three panels (1904)  
 Josef Hoffmann - Lent by Galerie Historismus





Chemin de Sèvres, view overlooking Paris (1855)  
Brittany Landscape, a fence in the shade of large trees (1845)  
Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot - Musée du Louvre



Domecy Decoration (1900 - 1901)  
Odilon Redon - Musée d'Orsay



«Dancer looking at the sole of her right foot»  
Edgar Degas - Original in Musée d'Orsay



Pair of billet vases «Atelier d'Auteuil» (1872 - 1881)  
Lent by Mr. Laurens d'Albis







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