

# Opalciné Newsletter

## ***After the Festival***

- Géraldine Maillet, a jury member during the second edition of the Festival, has directed her first short film *Un Certain Regard*.
- Andy Gordon, who won an award for *Hibernation* on the first year of the Festival, was back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition as a jury member.
- After being in the jury of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Mike Sadler leads the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition-Master Class with Philippe Harel.
- Screening of the short film *Absence*, by Kevin Leconte (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), in September, in London, with *ARK* and *Redblack*, two films by Mal Woolford (3<sup>rd</sup> edition).

## **NEWS**

### **...about the short films**

- Nicolas Bary, the director of *Judas*, which was screened during the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Festival, released his first full-length film, *The Children of Timplebach*, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2008.
- David Charon, the director of *Le Secret de Salomon*, which was screened during the 1<sup>st</sup> edition, is directing his first full-length film, *Cyprien*, with French actor Elie Semoun.
- Nadia Jandeau, the director of *Psychocose*, which competed during the 1<sup>st</sup> edition, has just directed a new short film, *Masculin TONIC*.
- Pierre Benezit (1<sup>st</sup> edition), both actor and co director of *Psychocose*, plays the role of *Nounours* in the series *Nos Enfants Chéris*, on Canal +.
- Chloé Lambert, who played in *Un bisou pour le monde* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), was to be seen this year in two theatre plays: *Un type dans le genre de Napoléon*, with French actor Martin Lamotte and *Mon père avait raison*, with Claude Brasseur. She also appeared in *Disco*, the latest film by Fabien Onteniente, with Franck Dubosc.
- Patrick Poubel, who was rewarded for *For Intérieur* during the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Festival, has directed *H.B. Human Bomb*, a docufiction about a hostage taking in a nursery school in Neuilly, a wealthy city close to Paris, in 1993 (broadcast on French TV channel France 2).

- Vincent Burgevin, the director of *Heureux qui comme Edouard* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), made the video-clip of the song *Bernard Lavilliers*, by the French band Les Fatals Picards.
- André Thornton, who produced *Fluffy*, in competition during the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, gave birth to her son Monty William on August the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Pierre Berriau, who played in *Maël Fume* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), is now a police superintendent in the TV series *Engrenages*.
- *Un Bisou pour le Monde*, by Cyril Paris, which was in competition during the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, was nominated for the European Oscars. Cyril is preparing *Une nuit qu'il était à se morfondre*, a short film about the beginnings of French singer Serge Gainsbourg as a musician. The filming should start in April 2009 with French actor Jean-Claude Dreyfus. Cyril Paris also plans to direct a feature-length film, as well as two series of short program.

### **...about the jury members**

- Valérie Benaïm (member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition jury) released *La véritable histoire de Carla et Nicolas*, in June, which she wrote with Yves Azéroual.
- Isabelle de Botton (2<sup>nd</sup> edition jury) and Marc Fayet are currently playing together in the theatre play *La veranda*, directed by Francis Perrin.
- French actors Dominique Pinon (3<sup>rd</sup> edition jury) and Charles Berling are both on stage in *Endgame* until October 26<sup>th</sup>. Dominique Pinon will play in *Humains*, by Jacques-Olivier Molon and Pierre-Olivier Thévenin, with Lorant Deutsch and Sara Forestier.
- François Boucq (3<sup>rd</sup> edition jury) just released a new volume of his comic book series *Bouncer*, written by Jodorowski.
- Cyrille Auffort (2<sup>nd</sup> edition jury) will be responsible for the music in Vincenzo Natali's next film (*Cube*).
- Pascal Légitimus (2<sup>nd</sup> edition jury) is currently on stage with Mathilda May in *Plus si affinités*, directed by Gil Galliot.
- Agnes Soral (3<sup>rd</sup> edition jury) is playing in the theatre play *Agnes Soral aimerait bien vous y voir*, directed by Jean-Luc Moreau.
- Jérôme Camut (3<sup>rd</sup> edition jury) and Nathalie Hug just released their new novel, *Les Eveillés*.
- Vincent Martinez (1<sup>st</sup> edition) played with Clotilde Courau and Laurent Gerra in the series *Chez Maupassant*, broadcast last March on French TV channel France 2.

### **...about CANTINA PROD**

- Cantina TV is producing and directing a few *Rencontres* (Meetings) for Canal + with Laurent Weil. The next program will welcome French actors Antoine de Caunes and François-Xavier Demaison for the film *Coluche*.
- New programs on TV channel M6Music from October (*Miss/Mister Vip* and *Vue sur*).

### **OPALCINÉ 2009**

- Antoine Blanquefort (a team member of the Festival) plays the role of the newscaster in Anne Fontaine's last film *The Girl from Monaco* (*La Fille de Monaco*), still in cinemas.
- Fabien Montagner is now the father of a little girl, Faustine.
- The next edition of the Festival will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2009: the new Festival poster is in the works and new partnerships are taking shape...