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Laurier hosts an evening of French film, two never seen in Canada *Vidocq, 15 août and Les rivières pourpres offer evening of mystery, comedy and thrills*

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will present *La nuit du cinéma* (an evening of French films) this Sunday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall. The evening will feature a historical action/mystery, a comedy and a thriller – two of three never before been seen in Canada – along with a sampling of French food.

“We wanted to offer a special evening of film and food to the area’s francophone community,” said Catherine Black, a French professor who has been organizing the event with Vincent Bransson, a business student from the Institut Supérieur du Commerce in France. “We’ve purposely targeted films from different genres that we’re reasonably certain have not been seen in Canada.”

The films are:

Vidocq – Gérard Depardieu, Jean Dussolier and Ines Sastre star in this historical mystery directed by Pitof. As a second revolution is brewing, a former-convict-turned-detective named Vidocq dies while discovering the identity of a strange creature called the Alchemist. A young journalist decides to uncover Vidocq’s assassin and sets off on a dangerous adventure in the dark and seedy streets of 1830 Paris.

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15 août – Richard Berry, Charles Berling and Jean-Pierre Darroussin star in this comedy directed by Patrick Alessandrin. When Max, Raoul and Vincent arrive at La Baule (a sea resort) for the August 15th national holiday weekend, their wives have left. After two weeks of rain, housecleaning, shopping and looking after the kids, they have decided that they deserved a holiday too. The three husbands quickly discover this won't be a holiday for them.

Les rivières pourpres – Jean Reno, Vincent Cassel, Nadia Fares and Karim Belkhadra star in this thriller by Matthieu Kassovitz. A mutilated body surfaces in Guernon, a small town in the French Alps that boasts an elitist university, and the famous police superintendent Niemans heads the inquiry. In another small town, a child's grave is desecrated and young journalist Max Kerkérian believes this is the scoop of his life. Niemans and Kerkérian cross paths while trying to stop a series of grisly murders.

All three films are subtitled.

Tickets for the evening are \$10 for students, seniors and Laurier faculty and staff. Regular adult admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. To reserve tickets, please contact Rachel St-Aubain at (519) 884-0710 ext. 2398.