

A Film at the Alliance

Suggestions



Alliance Française

Manchester

Fiction

La Famille Bélier

The Bélier Family

By Éric Lartigau • 2014 • 1h46

With Karin Viard, François Damians, Éric Elmosnino

Coming of age, Deafness, Singing, Family relationships, Audition

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A girl, who lives with her deaf parents, discovers that she has the gift of singing.

Les Choristes

The Chorus

By Christophe Barratier • 2004 • 1h37

With Gérard Jugnot, François Berléand, Jean-Baptiste Maunier

Boarding school, Teenage boys, Singing, Choir

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The new teacher at a severely administered boys' boarding school works to positively affect the students' lives through music.

Tempête

Ride above

By Christian Duguay • 2022 • 1h50 • Drama, Young audience

With Pio Marmaï, Carmen Kassovitz, Mélanie Laurent

Animaux, Apprentissage, Childhood, Family, Handicap

(IF Cinema - rights end 01.06.2028)

Growing up among horses at her parents' stud farm, Zoé dreams of becoming a jockey and forms a deep bond with a young horse. A terrible accident threatens to end their racing careers, but they fight to reach victory together.

La Petite bande

The Little Gang

By Pierre Salvadori • 2021 • 1h46 • Adventure, Comedy, Young audience

With Paul Belhoste, Mathys Clodion-Gines, Aymé Medeville

Adolescence, Friendship, Childhood, Environment, Youth

(IF Cinema - rights end 01.06.2028)

Summertime. In a beautiful village in Corsica, five young schoolmates are facing a dilemma: what to do about a local factory that has been polluting their favourite river? Desperate times call for desperate measures and they decide to take radical direct action. But the adventure doesn't go exactly as planned...

Mystère

Vicky and Her Mystery

By Denis Imbert • 2021 • 1h23 • Adventure, Comedy, Young audience
With Karyo Tcheky, Vincent Elbaz, Eric Elmosnino, Shanna Keil, Marie Gillain
Childhood, Animals, Ecology

(IF Cinema - rights end 01.04.2027)

Stéphane decides to move to the beautiful Cantal mountains to reconnect with his eight-year-old daughter Victoria, who has been mute since her mother's death. During a walk in the forest, a shepherd gives Victoria a puppy named Mystery who will gradually give her a taste for life again. But very quickly, Stéphane discovers that the animal is in fact a wolf...

Un vrai bonhomme

Man Up!

By Benjamin Parent • 2019 • 1h28
With Thomas Guy, Benjamin Voisin, Isabelle Carré
Family, Youth, Death, School

(IF Cinema - rights end 01.10.2025)

Tom, 16, is a sensitive teenager who is about to enter a new high school after being expelled. He intends to find his place, make friends and seduce the girl he loves. Tom needs the support of his older brother, Leo, a true mentor, who is working to make him a "cool kid". However, Leo's fraternal benevolence hides a destructive temperament... Will Tom be able to grow up finding his own path?

DOCUMENTAIRES

Il était une forêt

Once upon a Forest

By Luc Jacquet • 2013 • 1h18 • Young audience, Fantasy and science fiction
Botany, Ecology, Sustainable development, Nature

(IF Cinema - rights end 15.02.2025)

For the first time, a tropical forest springs to life before our very eyes. From the first shoot to the blossoming of giant trees, from the canopy to the development of hidden links between plants and animals, no less than seven centuries will unfold before us.

ANIMATION

Interdit aux chiens et aux Italiens

No Dogs or Italians Allowed

By Alain Ughetto • 2021 • 1h10 • Drama, Young audience
With Ariane Ascaride
Europe, Family, Immigration, Work

(IF Cinema - rights end 01.09.2030)

Early 20th century, Northern Italy. The Ughetto family, living through difficult times, dreams of a better future abroad. The story tells of Luigi Ughetto crossing the Alps to start a new life in France, thus changing the destiny of his beloved family forever. His grandson travels back in time revisiting their history, in an intimate dialogue with his grandmother Cesira.

Adama

By Simon Rouby • 2015 • 1h25 • Historical film, Young audience, Adventure
With Azize Diabate, Pascal Nzonzi
Africa, Conflict, Colonisation, First World War, Adolescence
(IF Cinema - rights end 12.05.2025)

Twelve-year-old Adama lives in a remote village in Western Africa. Beyond the cliffs, the World of Breaths can be found, where the Nassaras reign. One night, Samba, his older brother, disappears. Defying the laws of the elders, Adama decides to set out to find him. With the unwavering determination of a child becoming a man, he launches into a quest that will take him beyond the seas, to the North, to the front lines of World War One. It is 1916.

Calamity, une enfance de Martha Jane Cannary

Calamity, a Childhood of Martha Jane Cannary

By Rémi Chayé • 2020 • 1h22 • Adventure, Young audience
With Salomé Boulven, Alexandra Lamy, Alexis Tomassian
Friendship, Equality, Travel, Family
(IF Cinema - rights end 15.09.2028)

1863, United States of America. Martha Jane's father is injured in a convoy heading west with the hope of a better life. She must drive the family wagon and care for the horses. The apprenticeship is hard, but Martha Jane has never felt so free. And because it's more convenient to ride, she doesn't hesitate to put on pants. It is the audacity of too much for Abraham, the leader of the convoy. Accused of theft, Martha is forced to flee. Dressed as a boy, looking for proof of her innocence, she discovers a world under construction where her unique personality will assert itself.

Petit vampire

Little Vampire

By Joann Sfar • 2020 • 1h25 • Young audience, Fantasy and science fiction
With Salomé Boulven, Alexandra Lamy, Alexis Tomassian
Friendship, Animals, Family, Freaks
(IF Cinema - rights end 15.09.2028)

Little Vampire lives in a haunted house with a merry band of monsters, but he's terribly bored... It's been 300 years since he was 10 years old, so pirate ships and the movie club haven't been fun for him for a long time. His dream? To go to school and make friends. But his parents don't see it that way, the outside world is far too dangerous. Accompanied by Fantomate, his faithful bulldog, Little Vampire escapes from the manor in secret, determined to meet other children.

Le Petit Nicolas - Qu'est-ce qu'on attend pour être heureux ?

Little Nicholas - Happy as Can Be

By Amandine Fredon and Benjamin Massoubre • 2022 • 1h26 • Literary adaptation, Comedy-drama, Biopic, Young audience
With Alain Chabat, Laurent Lafitte, Simon Faliu
Friendship, Cartoon, Cinema, Education, Childhood, Imaginary, Literature, Paris, Work
(IF Cinema - rights end 01.06.2026)

Once upon a time, there was a little boy drawn in black ink. This little boy went off to win the hearts of millions of readers. From the school yard to the beach, from Paris to the countryside, join Little Nicholas with his family and friends for exciting new adventures.

L'Extraordinaire Voyage de Marona

Marona's Fantastic Tale

By Anca Damian • 2019 • 1h33 • Young audience, Fantasy and science fiction
With Lizzie Brocheré, Olimpia Melinte, Marius Manole
Love, Family, Animals

(IF Cinema - rights end 01.03.2026)

Victim of an accident, Marona, a small black and white dog, remembers the different masters she has known and loved throughout her life. Through her unfailing empathy, her life becomes a lesson in love. A superb fable full of colour and graphic inventions.

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