

OLIVIER BARROT

Journalist, author, and television personality, Olivier Barrot has played a prominent role in French cultural life. Following his role as a producer at Gaumont and TF1, Barrot wrote for *Le Monde* and Canal+. He later became an artistic advisor for the Cannes Film Festival. Along with Thierry Taittinger, he then founded SENSO Magazine of words and meaning. Since 1991 he has been the producer and host of the daily literary program *Un Livre, Un Jour* on France 3 and TV5 television, where he directs a series of public discussions with actors of the Comédie

Française. Since 2007, Olivier Barrot has been hosting *French Literature in the Making* series at New York University since 2007 and is also the author of multiple books including: *Ciné Club* (2010), *La Revue blanche*, *Le Fils perdu* (2012), and *Un livre un jour, un livre toujours* (2014).

Olivier Barrot will be introducing *Memories (Les Souvenirs)*.



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CHARLES COHEN

Charles Cohen is one of the country's most important commercial real estate developers as well as an influential patron, innovator and visionary of culture and the arts. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Contemporary Art, The Cooper Union for the advancement of Science and Art, the Lighthouse International Theater, the Public Theater, Real Estate Board of New York, the Stella Adler Studio of Acting and the Film Society of Lincoln Center. In 2008, Cohen formed the Cohen Media Group and was the

executive producer of the Academy Award nominated film and winner of the 2008 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize, *Frozen River*.

Cohen Media Group has recently acquired the American rights to Benoît Jacquot's *Diary of a Chambermaid*.

Charles Cohen will introduce *Timbuktu*.



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MATHIEU FOURNET

Mathieu Fournet is the Cultural Attaché, Head of Film, TV and New Media Department at the French Embassy in New York City. Previously he was the Head of International Affairs for Institut National de l'Audiovisuel (INA), the French public institution in charge of the preservation of radio and television archives. He helped to develop Ina's international activities, notably with Cuba, the Western Balkans, the Mediterranean area and South Africa. Mathieu has been

the Head of the French Film Office in Los Angeles; as well as Cultural Attaché, Head of Film, TV & Music in Argentina & in South Africa, where he has been of great support to local filmmakers and French & francophone artists.

Mathieu Fournet will introduce *Anney: Short and French*



BERTRAND LORTHOLARY

Bertrand Lortholary joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after graduating from the Institute of Political Science and the University of Paris-Dauphine. He began his career at the Quai d'Orsay as a member of the Directorate of Africa and the Indian Ocean team, where he mainly followed the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. His career continued, first in Washington as an exchange diplomat at the State Department, then at the French Embassy, where he followed Asian and African political

matters. After Washington, he served as a political adviser in Beijing. In 2008, he became the French President's advisor on Asian and Oceania matters. Since 2012, Bertrand Lortholary has been Consul General of France in New York.



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Bertrand Lortholary will introduce *La Sapienza*.

PAUL MASTER-KARNIK

Paul Master-Karnik earned his PhD. in modern art history from Rutgers University. He has taught at Rutgers and New York University, and was Director of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park in Lincoln, MA. Master-Karnik became Executive Director of The Greenwich Arts

Council in 2008.

Paul Master-Karnik will introduce *Maestro*.



GUY SORMAN

After having studied at the Institutes of Political Studies and The National School of Administration, Guy Sorman went on to teach Economics at Science Po and various foreign universities around the world. He later reoriented himself toward writing, teaching and publishing. After creating his publishing company Edition Sorman, he co-founded one of the leading French NGOs, Action Against Hunger (ACF) and was its President until 1990, when he became its Honorary President. Over the years, Sorman has written many books (*Made in the USA; The Empire of Lies*) and held

several public offices. He is currently a Member of the National Commission for Human Rights and a Board member of Les Maisons Françaises of Columbia and New York Universities and Reporters Without Borders, USA.



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Guy Sorman will introduce *May Allah Bless France!* (*Qu'Allah bénisse la France.*)