



ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE DARWIN NEWSLETTER - MAY 2010

Bonjour!

This Sunday 9th of May, we were very pleased to meet for our Sunday Morning Conversation at David's place. We sincerely thank both him and Marc for this warm moment together.



Judy, Patricia and Muriel



Maria, her husband Adrian and cute new baby.

Get together !

Don't forget our regular Conversation mornings at the Cool Spot, Fannie Bay on Sundays from 10 am.

Also this was a good opportunity to celebrate Europe Day.

9 MAY, Europe Day

Europe Day is an annual celebration of peace and unity in Europe. There are two separate celebrations of Europe Day: 5 May for the Council of Europe, and 9 May for the European Union (EU).

For the EU, the day is also known as *Schuman Day*, commemorating the historical declaration by French foreign minister Robert Schuman.

The Council of Europe's day reflects its own establishment in 1949, while the European Union's day celebrates the day the EU's predecessor was proposed in 1950.

Europe Day is one of a number of European symbols designed to foster unity among Europeans.

Other symbols are the European flag or the European anthem.

The Flag of Europe is most commonly associated with the European Union, formerly the European Communities, which adopted the flag in the 1980s. However, it was first adopted by the Council of Europe, which created it in 1955. Since both the European Union and the Council of Europe represent European unity, the two organisations are using the same flag.



The European anthem is based on the prelude to "The Ode to Joy", 4th movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. Due to the large number of languages in Europe, it is an instrumental version only. The anthem was announced on 19 January 1972 by the Council of Europe after being arranged by conductor Herbert von Karajan and was launched via a major information campaign on Europe Day, 5 May 1972. It was adopted by European Community leaders in 1985. This anthem does not replace national anthems, but is intended to celebrate their shared values. It is played on official occasions by both the Council of Europe and the European Union.

European Union

The European Union is a unique economic and political partnership between 27 democratic European countries.

Its aim is peace, prosperity and freedom for its 498 million citizens — in a fairer, safer world.

It has resulted so far in border-free travel and trade, the euro (the single European currency), safer food and a greener environment, better living standards in poorer regions, joint action on crime and terror, cheaper phone calls, millions of opportunities to study abroad ... and much more besides.

To make these things happen, EU countries set up bodies to run the EU and adopt its legislation. The main ones are:

- the European Parliament (representing the people of Europe);
- the Council of the European Union (representing national governments);
- the European Commission (representing the common EU interest).

To learn more about the European Union , visit this link: *the European Union in 12 lessons* (http://europa.eu/abc/12lessons/index_en.htm)

In Darwin the Alliance Francaise de Darwin is a founding member of the European Union Top End (EUTE), who aims to establish links between the different European communities and seek common resources, such as accommodation.

French Movie Night and Wine & Cheese

Once a month, on a Thursday night, we are pleased to welcome you to our French Movie Night and Wine & Cheese at the *Museum Theatrette, Bullocky Point, Conacher St., Fannie Bay*



Next sessions :

- **May, 27th 2010**
- **June, 24th 2010**
- **August, 26th 2010**
- **October, 28th 2010**

\$12 for members
\$15 for non
members

The next one is on *Thursday, 27th May 2010*.

We will be happy to welcome you from *6.30 pm* for the Wine & Cheese before the start of the movie at *7pm*.

The movie is "*TAXI*" from the legendary writer/ producer/ director, LUC BESSON



In Marseilles (France), skilled pizza delivery boy Daniel who drives a scooter finally has his dreams come true. He gets a taxi license. Caught by the police for a huge speed infraction, he will help Emilien, a loser inspector who can't drive, on the track of German bank robbers, so he doesn't lose his license and his dream job.

You can see the trailer of this movie on this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqSqdT4TWo>

Taxi won 3 awards and received 5 nominations:

- César Awards, France 1999 :

Best Editing (Meilleur montage) Véronique Lange 1999 :

Best Sound (Meilleur son) Vincent Tulli, Vincent Arnardi

Golden Slate award: Best Movie Soundtrack

- Nominated César

Best Director (Meilleur réalisateur) Gérard Pirès

Best Film (Meilleur film)

Best Music Written for a Film (Meilleure musique) Akhenaton

Most Promising Actor (Meilleur espoir masculin) Samy Naceri

Most Promising Actress (Meilleur espoir féminin) Marion Cotillard

Chopin Recital

As part of the celebrations of The Year of Frederic Chopin, the European Union Top End has the pleasure to present the *Chopin Recital*. This was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland and the Northern Territory Government.

The recital will take place at the Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre, on Sunday 30 May 2010 from 7 pm

Adult: \$20

Concession: \$15

The event is open to everyone interested to hear about Chopin and to listen to his music by the excellent Polish Pianist *Raphael Alexandre Lushevsky* – who will perform in Sydney, Canberra and Hobart before arriving in Darwin, and after Darwin's performance he will play in Perth.

Programme of the recital:

Three Early Polonaises (Op. Posth., written 1817-1821)

Polonaise in C-sharp Minor, Op. 26 No. 1

Polonaise in E-flat Minor, Op. 26 No. 2

Interval

Complete Scherzi:

No. 1 in B Minor, Op. 20

No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 31

No. 3 in C-sharp Minor, Op. 39

No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54

Raphael has wide-ranging interests in music. His diverse concerto-repertoire features 27 positions representing Baroque through contemporary with focus on Romanticism. He also performs modern Polish concertos, such as Concerto for Piano and Orchestra by Krzesimir Debski (1997), dedicated to him.

Hailed as one of the very best pianists of the young generation, Lushevsky has been collaborating since 1999 as a Guest Professor and Lecturer with the International Music Festival of Londrina (Brazil). He has been a member of the jury at the International Young Musicians' Competition "Jovens Solistas" in Brazil.

In 2003 Raphael was appointed an *Honorary Professor* at the National University of Costa Rica. He has offered master classes and lectures at music universities in Edinburgh, Algiers, Damascus, New Delhi, Bangkok, Panama City, Montevideo, Santiago de Chile and in his native Poland.



Bastille Ball

By now we hope that you have the date of *17 July 2010* in your diary.

We are still waiting on a key part of the budget to determine the price of tickets, but we will try to keep this to a minimum, whilst ensuring that the 2010 Ball is the best ever.

As soon as this occurs we will be selling tickets. As has been our tradition now for a few years, the Ball will be held under the stars and with a sea view at Pee Wees on the Point. Where else in the world (at least in Australia) could you do this in winter? The menu is exciting and we have a few wonderful surprises in store for you. So ladies start now looking for your ball gown and gentlemen get the tuxedo out of mothballs and aired....





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