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FESTIVAL FRANCE–LAOS 2026

3 → 21 November 2026 · Luang Prabang · Vientiane

Organised by the Embassy of France in Laos and the Institut français du Laos

THE FESTIVAL

From 3 to 21 November 2026, the France–Laos Festival links Luang Prabang and Vientiane around French and Lao creation. Exhibitions, workshops, shows, screenings and talks: a programme designed as a meeting between artists, researchers, writers and audiences from both countries.

The festival opens on 3 November at the Institut français in Luang Prabang with ethnomusicologist and khaen player Véronique de Lavenère, then moves to Vientiane from 10 November. Several exhibitions are extended until 28 November.

All events are free. Some workshops require registration with the Institut français in each city.

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PROGRAMME — LUANG PRABANG

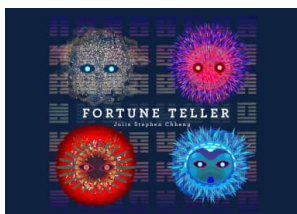


SHOW · TALK · TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER · 18:00

The khaens: diversity and richness of Laos's musical heritage

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Véronique de Lavenère · Free entry

Opening lecture-concert with Véronique de Lavenère and eight musicians from several provinces of Laos. In French, with simultaneous interpretation into Lao.

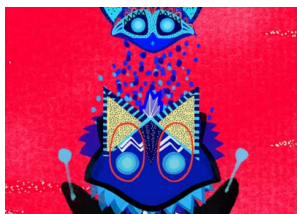


EXHIBITION · FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER → SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER · ALL DAY

Fortune Teller

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Julie Stephen Chheng · Free entry

Julie Stephen Chheng's interactive projection, outdoors at the Institut français: 6 to 17 November, extended until 28 November.



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URAMADO AR, the Awakening of the Tanukis

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Julie Stephen Chheng · Free entry

A night trail in augmented reality: twelve Tanukis hidden around the Institut ask you questions and reveal your element. 6 to 17 November, extended until 28 November.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER · 14:00 – 16:00

Voilà: the memory factory

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · Free entry

Be a child again with Amélie Poulain: film clips, playground games and team challenges. A special edition of Voilà, the monthly meet-up for French speakers, to practise French while having fun.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER · 16:00 – 18:00

Uramado special: treasure hunt, drawings, masks and paper toys

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Julie Stephen Chheng · Registration required

Saturday 7 November, 4pm to 6pm: hunt for the Tanukis hidden around the Institut, then make drawings, masks and paper toys that come to life in augmented reality. Ages 6+, registration required.



TALK · WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 19:30

Carte blanche: "Les Filles de la Nam Khan"

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Sengchanh Soukhaseum · Free entry

Carte blanche, France–Laos Festival special edition: Sengchanh Soukhaseum presents her account of a childhood in Luang Prabang.



SCREENING · THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER · 19:00 – 20:00

Voyage, voyage: short film night

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · Free entry

Short Film Night: eight short films on the theme of travel, in partnership with Bluechair, 7pm to 8pm.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 10:00 – 12:00

Uramado special: treasure hunt, drawings, masks and paper toys

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Julie Stephen Chheng · Registration required

Saturday 14 November, 10am to 12pm: hunt for the Tanukis hidden around the Institut, then make drawings, masks and paper toys that come to life in augmented reality. Ages 6+, registration required.



SHOW · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 20:00 – 21:30

What if Brel were a woman?

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Iris Munos · Free entry

Iris Munos revisits the songs of Jacques Brel, at the Institut français in Luang Prabang, with guitar and Lao xylophone (to be confirmed).



EXHIBITION · FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 20:00

Opening of the exhibition Old Houses of Luang Prabang: book and watercolours

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Magda Korotynska, Francis Engelmann · Free entry

Exhibition opening and presentation of the book Luang Prabang, Treasures of the Architectural Heritage of Laos by Magda Korotynska and Francis Engelmann.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER · 08:00 – 10:00

Walking tour: the houses of Luang Prabang

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Francis Engelmann · Registration required

What if you rediscovered Luang Prabang through its watercolours? A walk with Francis Engelmann, where drawings meet the town as it is today.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER · 10:30 – 12:00

Watercolour workshop with Magda Korotynska

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Magda Korotynska · Registration required

Magda Korotynska shares the watercolour techniques she used to illustrate Luang Prabang, Treasures of the Architectural Heritage of Laos. Booking required.



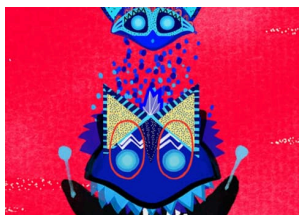
SHOW · SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER · 19:00 – 20:30

Entité Show

Institut français du Laos — Luang Prabang · With Compagnie Entité, Simon Dimouro · Free entry

Compagnie Entité and Simon Dimouro's hip hop dance, with JIPF.

PROGRAMME — VIENTIANE

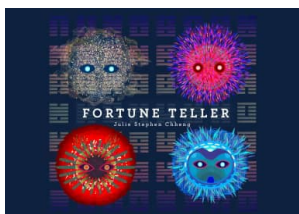


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An interactive projection where visitors face the Spirits of Nature, inspired by the I Ching.

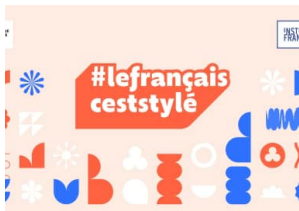


WORKSHOP · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER → FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER · 4:30PM – 5:30PM

Uramado AR special: treasure hunt, drawings and masks in augmented reality

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Julie Stephen Chheng · Free entry

From Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 November, 4:30pm to 5:30pm: hunt for the Tanukis hidden around the Institut, then make drawings and masks that come to life in augmented reality. Ages 6+.



WORKSHOP · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER → SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 1:30PM – 5PM

#LeFrançaisCestStylé workshop

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · Free entry

From 10 to 14 November, from 1:30pm to 5pm, a workshop showing that French is a creative, joyful, useful and modern language.



WORKSHOP · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER → SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 1PM – 5PM

Drawing booth: your cartoon ID card

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Pitivanh Phamuang, Chanthasone Xoumphonphakdy, Khuanchai Panyvong (JACKSMIN) · Free entry

Quick drawing with the Smile at me :-> team: snap, wait, receive your cartoon ID card in 3 minutes!



WORKSHOP · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER → SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 1PM – 5:30PM

Printmaking: woodcut printing with Lao patterns

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Sone Kounphasert · Free entry

Discover woodcut printing inspired by Lao patterns (Lai Lao) with Sone Kounphasert: stamp, print and take your fabric home.



WORKSHOP · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER → SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 1PM – 5PM

Tataki Zome: flowers and leaves printed on fabric

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Lydia Ebdon-Borde · Free entry

With printmaker Lydia Ebdon-Borde, hammer the colours of flowers and leaves onto fabric.

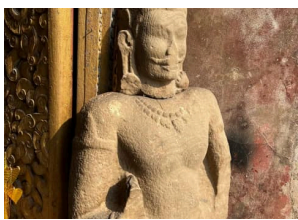


EXHIBITION · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER → SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 10–12 NOV: 11AM – 8PM · 13–14 NOV: 11AM – 9:30PM

Food market

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · Free entry

A food market with French and Lao flavours at the Institut français in Vientiane, from 10 to 14 November.



TALK · TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 19:30

An archaeological journey through Laos

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Michel Lorrillard · Free entry

The antiquity, diversity and richness of Laos's historical heritage: a lecture by Michel Lorrillard (EFEQ), in the auditorium.



SCREENING · WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 19:40

La Petite Vadrouille, by Bruno Podalydès

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · Free entry

A canal-boat cruise, a lovestruck boss and a band of broke friends: Bruno Podalydès's slapstick comedy, starring Sandrine Kiberlain, Daniel Auteuil and Denis Podalydès.

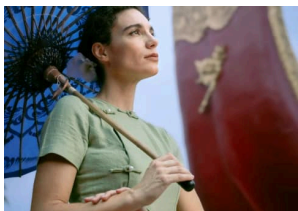


SCREENING · THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 20:00

"Laos: A Forgotten Treasure of the Khmer Civilization"

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With David Bazin, Vilasak Phongsawat, Michel Lorrillard · Free entry

In 2008, a Savannakhet farmer stumbled upon a 24-kilo treasure of gold, silver and precious stones: a documentary on the researchers' investigation, introduced by David Bazin and Vilasak Phongsawat, followed by a discussion with Michel Lorrillard.



SHOW · FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 19:30

What if Brel were a woman?

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Iris Munos, Lao Jazzanova Band, Vangthanousone Bouaphanh, Anonh Phothisan, Hongta Keomanyouk · Free entry

Iris Munos revisits the songs of Jacques Brel at the Institut français du Laos in Vientiane, with Aluna and four musicians.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 11AM – 12PM AND 2PM – 3PM

Play with the Little Prince! Family theatre workshop

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Suzanne Guillemin · Registration required

A family journey from planet to planet: a theatre and improvisation workshop for young and old, inspired by The Little Prince. Registration required.



WORKSHOP · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 09:00 – 17:00

Uramado open-access workshops: treasure hunt, drawings and masks in augmented reality

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · With Julie Stephen Chheng · Free entry

Saturday 14 November, 9am to 5pm, open access with Julie Stephen Chheng: treasure hunt, drawings and masks that come to life in augmented reality.



SCREENING · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 16:00

Planètes (Planets), by Momoko Seto

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · Free entry

Four dandelion seeds escape a dying Earth in search of soil to survive: a dialogue-free animated film, Paul-Grimault Prize at Annecy 2025.



SHOW · SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER · 18:00 – 21:30

Lao International HipHop Festival

Institut français du Laos — Vientiane · Free entry

Breaking, battles, DJs and MCs: the Lao International HipHop Festival, organised by Fanglao Studio Sole, takes over the Institut français in Vientiane.

PARTICIPANTS

Anonh Phothisan

Drummer, Lao Jazzanova Band

Chanthasone Xoumphonphakdy

Illustrator, comic artist and animator — Smile at me :-)

Compagnie Entité

Hip hop dance — artistic direction by Simon Dimouro

David Bazin

Contract research engineer, head of the geospatial laboratory (CHAMPA project, EFEO)

Francis Engelmann

Writer

Hongta Keomanysouk

Musician with the Lao National Art Troupe — khaen, gong circle

Iris Munos

Singer, stage director, artistic director and creator of international cultural projects

Julie Stephen Chheng

Multidisciplinary artist: illustration, design and scenography

Khuanchai Panyvong (JACKSMIN)

Art director, animator, illustrator and filmmaker — Smile at me :-)

Lao Jazzanova Band

Jazz band from Vientiane

Lydia Ebdon-Borde

Printmaking and plant prints

Magda Korotynska

Artist and illustrator

Michel Lorrillard

Historian, director of the EFEO centre in Vientiane

Pitivanh Phamuang

Animator, illustrator and graphic designer — Smile at me :-)

Sengchanh Soukhaseum

Writer, former ambassador and painter

Simon Dimouro

Hip hop dancer and choreographer, founder of Compagnie Entité

Sone Kounphasert

Woodcut and textile printing with Lao patterns

Suzanne Guillemin

Playwright and writing and theatre workshop leader

Vangthanousone Bouaphanh

Guitarist, founder of the Lao Jazzanova Band

Véronique de Lavenère

Ethnomusicologist, flautist and khaen player

Vilasak Phongsawat

Engineer, Vat Phou Champasak World Heritage Unit

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