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Alliance Française French Film Festival New Zealand  
Tuesday 17 March 2015. For immediate release.

**Back by popular demand**

Festival organizers are bringing back some of the most popular 2015 Alliance Française French Film Festival titles from 20-22 March at Rialto Cinemas Newmarket and Berkeley Cinemas Takapuna.

Titles include the festival's opening night film *The Bélier Family*, Dany Boon's *Superchondriac*, and a very special screening of *Handmade with Love in France* featuring a Q+A with director Julie Georgia Bernard.

The full programme can be found on the official festival website, [www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz](http://www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz)

**Special guest announced for Auckland encore screenings**

Hot off the success of her recent première at the Vancouver International Film Festival, first-time feature filmmaker Julie Georgia Bernard will present a special screening of her documentary *Handmade with Love in France* followed by an exclusive Q+A on Saturday 21 March at 6:30pm at Rialto Cinemas Newmarket.

*Handmade with Love in France* is a riveting documentary celebrating the Parisian artisans who create haute couture outfits for the likes of Dior, Yves Saint Laurent and Chanel, and explores what happens when their workshops begin to close their doors. New Zealand Herald's Viva Magazine recently called it, "The best film at this year's French Film Festival."

"I love New Zealand," says Bernard, "and it would be such an honour if you like my film."

Bernard will also be presenting a special talk at Auckland Art Gallery, with Sharon Evan-Mikellis, Senior Lecturer of Fashion Design at AUT University on Saturday 21 March at 12:00pm.

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*Booking information for all encore screenings and Julie Georgia Bernard's special Q+A session can be found on the official website, [www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz](http://www.frenchfilmfestival.co.nz) Early booking recommended.*

*Interview requests with Julie Georgia Bernard and Festival Director Sarah Reese can be sent to Kailey Carruthers, the festival's Marketing and Communications Manager, on [communications@frenchfilmfestival.co.nz](mailto:communications@frenchfilmfestival.co.nz) or on +64 4 894 12 03.*