**PRESS RELEASE: French Film Festival**

**Feast of French Films**

A spectacular look at the underwater world of the famous Frenchman, Jacques Cousteau, will feature on the opening night of this year’s French Film Festival in Newcastle.

The festival will feature six films and will extend throughout the weekend of May 26-28 at Tower Cinemas.

Cesar award winning *The Odyssey* looks at the life of Cousteau and his spectacular achievements and not surprisingly features some spectacular underwater scenery.

The attractive opening night film and the traditional French markets are expected to again be popular with lovers of French movies.

Three very different movies will be on offer on the second day of the Festival with the award winning children’s movie, *Belle and Sebastian 2* likely to attract audiences of all ages in the morning. The afternoon feature, *The Midwife*, stars two great French female actors, Catherine Deneuve and Catherine Frot.

Academy Award winner, Marion Cotillard, is brilliant in Saturday night’s feature, *From the Land of the Moon,* which received eight nominations at this year’s Cesar Awards, the French equivalent of the Oscars.

Sunday morning’s film, *Heal the Living,* is a dramatic, thought-provoking look at the tough choices faced by families when an organ donation occurs.

The festival will wrap up with a comic romp featuring well-known French comedian, Dany Boon. *Penny Pincher* will provide a light-hearted look at the complicated life of a miser.

The French Film Festival is organized each year by the Alliance Francaise de Newcastle, an organisation which promotes French language and culture. Some of the French markets from the opening night will continue throughout the festival and there will be an opportunity to share afternoon tea prior to the showing of the final film on Sunday afternoon.

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