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French Institute: Alliance Francaise Fashion at FIAF Carte Blanche to Agnes B: Cinema and Fashion

Since the French created cinema and perfected fashion, who better to discuss how the two arts inform one another? The French Institute in New York City boasts a series of events through March doing just this. An exhibition of artwork by Jean-Philippe Delhomme is on display in their gallery at 22 East 60th Street through

April. They've partnered with FIT to screen four fashion-related documentaries including *The Day Before: Fendi by Karl Lagerfeld* on February 23 as well as *And ELLE Created Woman* on February 27. Three figures in fashion give talks in March: Reed Krakoff (March 21), Stefano Pilati (March 27) and Dries Van Noten (March 29).

But the cinematic highlight is a selection of movies curated by the designer Agnes B, all of which deeply influenced her work. It began with Jean Renoir's amusing bauble *The Crime Of Monsieur Lange* last week (which she presumably loved for the jaunty hats the women wore) and continues with *...And God Created Woman* on Valentine's Day (a movie better known for what Brigitte Bardot DIDN'T wear), Godard's *My Life To Live (Vivre Sa Vie)* and *Pierrot Le Fou* on February 21 and *Golden Marie/Casque d'Or* on February 28. Head to [the FIAF website](#) for more information and check out trailers for two of the selections below.

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