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Directed by
Olivier Dahan

Starring
Elsa Zylberstein

SIMIONE:

Woman of the Century

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About

The Lycée Français de Los Angeles presents "Simone: Woman of the Century", an inspiring film that delves into the extraordinary life of Simone Veil (1927-2017). To the French, Veil is one of the most revered public figures of recent history and the film deftly follows her life from a Nazi concentration camp and her astonishing rise to the President of the European Parliament. The film beautifully captures her journey, struggles, and triumphs, showcasing her as a true icon of the century.

Written and directed by Olivier Dahan, this latest film completes the trilogy he began with the Edith Piaf biopic "La Vie en Rose," starring Marion Cotillard, and "Grace of Monaco," starring Nicole Kidman. Asked what drew him to the life story of Veil, Dahan explained: "My grandmother, and my father and his brothers, all French Jews born in France, were chased by the French police during the Second World War, but fortunately they avoided being sent to concentration camps. I grew up with that history. That was the first factor which attracted me to this project. At the end, I dedicate the film to my father."



Tonight's program

Screening of
"Simone: Woman of the Century"
2h20m

In French with English subtitles

Q&A session with Elsa Zylberstein moderated
by Didier Allouch directly following screening.



About Elsa Zylberstein

The Parisian-born Elsa Zylberstein began appearing in movies in the late 1980s, soon making her first mark on international cinema as the lover of a famous post-Impressionist painter in the bleakly raw French biopic "Van Gogh" in 1991. Inspired by her fearless approach and grace (she's studied classical dance since childhood), filmmakers have cast her in other movie biographies such as "Modigliani," in which she played the mistress of a tortured artist, and "Farinelli," a Best Foreign Film Oscar nominee about Carlo Broschi.

Zylberstein remains a dependably passionate leading lady in conflicted or outright forbidden romances well into the 2000s. She garnered particularly high praise for her performance as a Jewish Frenchwoman who falls for a Muslim co-worker in the melodrama "Little Jerusalem."

In 2008, she starred opposite Kristin Scott Thomas in a somber tale of life after prison, "I've Loved You So Long," resulting in a Best Supporting Actress win at the venerated César Awards.



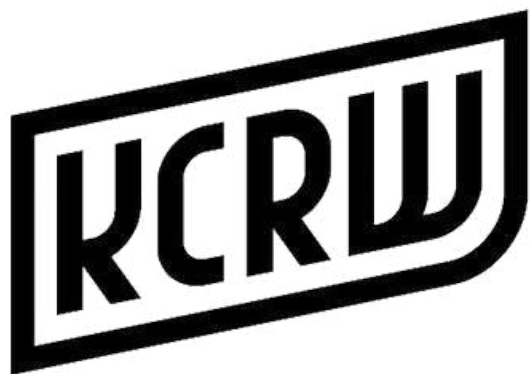
About Olivier Dahan

Before becoming attracted to the world of cinema, French filmmaker Olivier Dahan's profession was more musically inclined: he worked for several music labels producing music videos. Dahan made the leap to the big screen with "Déjà mort" (1998), a drama about a group of men and one girl who tried to make it in the porn industry.



His star slowly rose over the course of his next films, the children's fairy tale "Le petit poucet" (2001) and the dark drama "Ghost River" (2002), starring Isabelle Huppert. He next directed the Jean Reno-starring action film "Crimson Rivers II: Angels of the Apocalypse" (2004), written by Luc Besson. He went back to writing his own films with his next work, "La vie en rose" (2007), a biographical drama about French singer Edith Piaf. The critically acclaimed film netted actress Marion Cotillard the Academy Award for Best Actress, and it also won the Oscar for Best Makeup. After the success of "La Vie en rose," Dahan made his English language debut with a quirky road movie starring Renee Zellweger and Forest Whitaker, "My Own Love Song" (2009). His next film was a light-hearted French sports comedy called "Les seigneurs" (2012). He went back to the world of biographical films with "Grace of Monaco" (2014), starring Nicole Kidman as Hollywood legend turned European royalty Grace Kelly.

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