

French Films Series

Fall 2009

Lindsay Auditorium, Hodges Library
La Maladie : Broken Spirit and Body



Tuesday September 15th, 5:15 pm, Lindsay Auditorium
Le Scaphandre et le Papillon by Julian Schnabel,
France 2007



Mathieu Amalric stars as author and *Elle* magazine editor Jean-Dominique Bauby -- who suffered a stroke in 1995 that rendered him mute and completely paralyzed -- in this adaptation of Bauby's autobiography, which he dictated by blinking his left eye. Julian Schnabel was nominated for the 2008 Best Director Oscar (and won the Golden Globe in the same category)

for his poignant docudrama about the strength of the human spirit.

Tuesday October 27th, 5:15 pm, Lindsay Auditorium
Elle s'appelle Sabine by Sandrine Bonnaire,
France 2007



An intelligent, moving and beautiful portrait of Sabine, a 38-year-old autistic woman, filmed by her sister, the famous French actress Sandrine Bonnaire. Through personal footage filmed over a period of 25 years, it is revealed that Sabine's growth and many talents were crushed

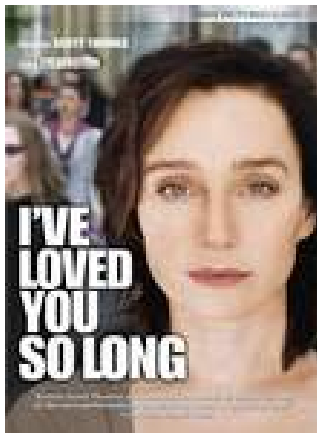
by improper diagnosis and an inadequate care structure. After a tragic five-year stay in a psychiatric hospital, Sabine finally finds a new lease on life in a home together with other young people living with similar mental and emotional illnesses. This very intimate film also sends an urgent message to a society that still does not know how to properly take care of its citizens with physical and psychological disabilities.



Thursday November 19th, 5:15 pm, Lindsay Auditorium

Il y a longtemps que je t'aime by Philippe Claudel

France 2008



After more than a decade apart, estranged sisters Juliette (Kristin Scott Thomas) and Lea (Elsa Zylberstein) try to rebuild their fractured relationship. But the task is hardly easy, considering Juliette's past: She's been in jail for 15 years -- for killing someone. As she settles into small-town life with Lea's family, the locals can't help but talk.

Writer-director Philippe Claudel's feature film debut garnered him a Golden Globe nomination.

