French Language Classes

Jean Xavier Brager, LSU instructor and coordinator of the French Business section of the Department of French Studies, and Francophilia Foundation Artistic Director, offered these free weekly French language classes. The goal of the course was to provide learners of all ages and backgrounds with a solid proficiency in basic oral and written communication. Pedagogical emphasis was placed on reading, speaking, listening, and some writing through a wide range of challenging and fun activities (role plays, skits, phonetic dictation, word games, etc.). Mr. Brager is an educator and native French speaker who brought an updated, genuine perspective to the classes. Materials used in the French Language Classes included French advertisements, magazines, film excerpts, paintings, and cultural paraphernalia. Progress is assured, as it is based on both language skills and increased insight into Francophone culture.

Nine weekly classes, three sessions per year

CAFE LUNA, NEW ORLEANS (2004-05)
THE QUEEN BEE, BATON ROUGE (2008)
LA MADELEINE, BATON ROUGE (2009)
INSTRUCTOR: JEAN XAVIER BRAGER

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Course Specifics

- 90-minute weekly classes
- Nine classes per session
- Three sessions per year
- Class space donated by local businesses - locations vary
- Course themes adapted to individual student needs from beginners to advanced
- Maximum class enrollment: Twelve students
- No text book required - all documents provided
- Private tutoring also offered for specific projects

For more information: francophilia@me.com
FRANCOPHILIA FOUNDATION & LA MADELEINE PRESENT

FREE FRENCH CLASS FOR BEGINNERS ONLY
FRIDAYS, 6:30-8:00 PM/STARTING JAN 16TH

CLASSES TAUGHT BY FRENCH NATIVE

Classes will be held at La Madeleine 7615 Jefferson Highway, and will be taught by Jean Xavier Brager, LSU Instructor and Francophillia Foundation Artistic Director. For further information and/or pre-registration, please email your name to artprojector@aoi.com. (Maximum enrollment: 15 students)
In conjunction with Ascension Community Theater’s production of **Cyrano**, director **Jean Xavier Brager**, LSU Instructor of French, offered a series of workshops on French theater. Based on dramatic techniques used by actors in France’s oldest theater company, **La Comédie Française**, the workshops were given to students at Dutchtown and St. Amant High Schools in Ascension Parish. They focused on various aspects of stagecraft, including movement, voice, scene work, and improvisation, and provided better insight into French dramatists such as Molière, Ionesco, Racine, and Rostand. The workshops were free of charge, and were conducted in English.

March 2009

**Produced in association with Ascension Community Theater**
Community Outreach with Les Causeries du Lundi

Les Causeries du Lundi was founded in New Orleans in 1911 by Madame Alfred Leblanc as a women’s social organization, the purpose of which was to encourage and promote French language and culture. Each month, the members (now including men) gather to enjoy a wide range of cultural activities conducted in French. For four years, Jean Xavier Brager at first contributed to, and eventually coordinated, the programming for these meetings. In light of his background as an actor and director of theater, Mr. Brager focused his efforts on original language theatrical productions, cabarets, concerts, lectures, book signings, games, and exposure to authentic products of the Francophone world. All activities of this Community Outreach effort were adapted to a largely geriatric audience, and some of the productions were offered to the residents of other retirement facilities in New Orleans. This important Community Outreach needs to be supported, and the group has asked Mr. Brager to resume his coordination of activities in anticipation of its 100th anniversary celebration in 2011.

First Monday of every month, 2003-2006
LAMBETH HOUSE, NEW ORLEANS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR: JEAN XAVIER BRAGER
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Programs

- Stage productions: Les Précieuses Ridicules by Molière; Une Paire de Gifles by Sacha Guitry; Portraits de femmes, a performance of monologues by and about women
- Concerts: Chants de Noël; Des airs et desserts réalistes
- Lectures on French haute couture, Provençal Christmas traditions, French Impressionism, and the influence of US fashion on French fashion
- Book signing by Tulane, Loyola, Centenary, and LSU professors

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