

## PRESS RELEASE

### Creation of the French Syndicat des catalogues de films de patrimoine (SCFP)

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Les Films du Jeudi, Gaumont, Pathé, SNC/SND (M6 Group), Studiocanal (Canal+ Group), Société Cinématographique Lyre, and TF1 Studio (TF1 Group) have announced the creation of the **French Federation of Heritage Film Catalogues (“Syndicat des Catalogues de Films de Patrimoine”)\***.

Born from a shared desire — to preserve, defend and promote French film heritage — the SCFP was designed as a new representative body on all subjects pertaining to heritage cinema.

The French National Film Centre (CNC) recently announced, without prior consultation, that the three-year public funding initiatives for the digitalization and restoration of heritage films would cease in favor of private sector initiatives. This is further proof of the importance and urgency of industry professionals setting up a trade federation. Unless something is done, thousands of works from our cinema heritage may eventually disappear.

The SCFP plans to open a collaborative dialogue with key players in the film industry, in order to **come up with tangible, lasting solutions that will ensure heritage films regain their rightful status with audiences, in France and abroad, where the prestige of French film heritage must always be upheld.**

The SCFP’s founding members hold a catalogue of several thousand works, spanning the history of film in all its diversity.

The SCFP is delighted to have the support of a distinguished figure: its honorary President, film-maker **Bertrand Tavernier, is a passionate defender and promoter of cinema in all its forms.**

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\* Any film that was initially released in theaters over 10 years ago qualifies as a heritage film.