

Ladies' special

EVENT Alliance Française of Madras presents the A-Z of women's issues

All through this month the Alliance Française of Madras honours the lives of women around us with documentaries, presentations and movies. On March 5, at 7 p.m., Kolam - A Woman's Story, a talk by Severine Bourguignon will be held at the Library AFM.

Severine, a French visual artist is interested in kolam from an artistic and ethnological point of view - she tries to understand South Indian culture and women's condition through the prism of this ancient art.

On March 6, at 7 p.m., Auditorium AFM will screen "MA- A meeting with Tamil Women", a documentary film by Annie Bonniel, followed by discussion with the director. This documentary film is in first person narrative and the voice-over is a counterpoint to the image and the sound.

On March 7, at 5.30 p.m., Sathyam Cinemas will host "Toi and Moi" (You and Me), by Julie Lopes-Curval, with Marion Cotillard and Julie Depardieu in the cast.

The lovelorn Ariane scripts word balloons for a photo-novella in the magazine *You&Me*, and she tends to transpose her sentimental life there, and that of her sister Lena. But their life is far from a romance: Ariane clings on to Farid, who doesn't care about her, while Lena is getting bored with her companion François.

On March 8, at 6.30 p.m., Auditorium AFM, in celebration of International Women's Day, will host "La môme (La vie en rose - The extraordinary life of Edith Piaf)", by Olivier Dahan, with Marion Cotillard and Gérard Depardieu. On March 28, at 6:30 p.m., Auditorium AFM will screen the award winning documentary "Goddesses", by Leena Manimekalai, followed by a discussion with the filmmaker. This documentary brings us the lives of three women - a funeral singer, a graveyard worker and a fisherwoman. Call tel: 2827 9803/ 2827 1477 for details.