

You are invited to the next Melbourne Salon at the Alliance Française.

Wednesday 1st October 2014, 7pm - 9 pm

Behind the scenes at SBS French radio



Danièle Kemp
in conversation with Christophe Mallet and Jean-Noël Ducasse

Have you ever wondered how things work at SBS French radio? How many people are involved in the production of the program? Who are the presenters and how do they put the program together? How do they decide who to interview? How did they come to work in radio?

Let us take you behind the scenes and introduce you to the people who have bringing French radio into our homes for almost three decades. Known to many of you already, Danièle Kemp joined SBS in 1986 to become Head of French then Executive Producer of SBS French radio until 2011, when she handed over to Christophe Mallet. Jean-Noël Ducasse also works with Christophe as journalist on the show.

This Melbourne Salon is a rare opportunity to hear Danièle Kemp talking about her life at SBS French radio, her favourite (and least favourite!) interviews, some of the most memorable and important people she has interviewed, and the stressful and embarrassing moments behind the microphone, and how she survived them. In conversation with Christophe and Jean-Noël, the team that is this crucial element of the French speaking community in Melbourne (and Australia) will explain what goes on behind the scenes at SBS French radio and answer all of your questions.

Danièle Kemp came to Australia in 1960, where she attended MacRobertson High, before undertaking a number of tertiary qualifications. After a teaching career, Danièle began working for the ABC and SBS. Since her retirement from SBS French radio in 2011, she has continued her association with the Australian Ballet School Board and the Australian Youth Orchestra Council, and is currently Vice-President of French Assist Melbourne with the Honorary Consulate. She was recently elected Consular Councillor for the Asia-Pacific Region and has received the prestigious Knight of the French Legion of Honour (Order of Merit) for her tireless contributions to the French speaking community.

Christophe Mallet arrived in Australia in 2005 from the UK, where he had lived since 1998. Christophe studied history at the Sorbonne (Paris XIII) and commerce in Britain. He created his own company Business Intelligentsia, before following his real passion for journalism and joining SBS French radio in 2009, where he has been Executive Producer since 2011. Christophe also covers the Tour de France and the Australian Open and became AFL Multicultural Ambassador in March 2014.

Jean-Noel Ducasse has been in Australia since 1973 and has been working at SBS for some time. He has previously been involved in theatre at the University of Melbourne and at the l'Alliance Française de Melbourne, as well as teaching French and politics in Victorian secondary schools.

Cover charge payable on the night (includes cheese and wine) – cash only please: \$15
Bookings essential: themelbournesalon@gmail.com; 03 9925 2264 (numbers limited).