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2morrow Film Festival Opens on Tuesday in Moscow

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Film director Alexander Sokurov's new film about the Louvre during WWII opens the 2morrow Film Festival.

The 2morrow Film Festival, this year conducted in cooperation with the Museum of Moscow, opens on Tuesday, January 26 with Alexander Sokurov's latest film, "Francofonia." The film has already won the Fondazione Mimmo Rotella Award (also known as the critics' award) at the Venice Film Festival. The full name of the movie — "Francofonia: The Louvre Under German Occupation" — reflects the main theme of the movie: the quest to save French masterpieces from being destroyed by the Nazis.

The film follows the director of the French National Museums during the Nazi occupation, Jacques Jaujard (played by Louis-Do de Lencquesaing) and Franz Wolff-Metternich (Benjamin Utzerath), the German responsible for preserving art works on occupied territories. The movie will have wide release in Russia only in March, so the only chance to see it in advance will be at the festival.

Alexander Sokurov is an award-winning Russian director, whose works include "The Russian Ark" (2002), "Alexandra" (2007), and "Faust" (2011).

The festival will continue until January 31. The closing film will be Luca Guadagnino's "A Bigger Splash" with Tilda Swinton about a famous rock star's vacation. For more information and the full schedule, see 2morrowfest.ru/festival-2016-eng.

Francofonia. The Red Hall, Museum of Moscow. 2 Zubovsky Bulvar. Metro Park Kultury. 499-766-4196, mosmuseum.ru*. Tues. Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. In Russian, French, German and English; Russian subtitles.*

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