



BALZAC CINEMA

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My kids love going to the cinema. The crowd, the sounds, the visual experience - a promise to go to the cinema makes them get so excited they have difficulty sleeping the night before!

Luckily enough, here in Paris, the children's cinema scene is huge, between the [Forum des Images](#) and several yearly [children's film festivals](#). Cinema is so much a part of the culture over here that the city organises screenings for school classes at least once a semester.

A great cinema event here on a Sunday is the monthly '[Pochette Surprise](#)' event at the Balzac, an art house cinema off the Champs Elysees. On show are a series of short classic films, some of them over 100 years old, mixed in with some classic Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy and some old-school Tex Avery animation shorts. Every short is silent and the whole programme is accompanied by a musician, so even if you are completely anglophone, you will not miss out on anything... and to make it even better everyone gets a tub of Ben & Jerry's ice cream!

- Emilie

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