January 23, 2015

Dear French Teacher:

The French Program of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures cordially invites you to bring some of your best French students to participate in our sixteenth annual Journée du Français, to be held on the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments and welcoming remarks. We have then scheduled what we think will be another stimulating morning of workshops and classroom visits, designed to showcase faculty interests and talents and entice your students to consider further study in French, followed by a French-themed lunch. Finally, we hope you will be able to stay for a special afternoon performance of this year’s Comédiens Carolingiens theatre production of Grand-Guignol horror theatre, performed as multi-media théâtre radiophonique.

We are pleased to be able to accommodate up to 100 students, six per school. Registration will again be on a first-received-first-served basis, so we urge you to complete and return all the attached forms by US Mail, email or fax as soon as possible. You will be notified by email when your registration forms have been received.

We look forward to meeting you and your students (or to seeing you again, if you have joined us for previous French Days or at earlier Comédiens Carolingiens productions). Completed registration forms must be received by March 2nd. If you have any questions, please email Catherine Moring at pilotc@mailbox.sc.edu. Schedule of events and updates may be found at: http://www.cas.sc.edu/dllc/FREN/FrenchDay

And follow our new mascot, Gaspard, Cocky’s Gallic cousin, via Facebook https://www.facebook.com/uscgamecoqfrench Twitter https://twitter.com/GamecoqGaspard

Dans l’attente de vous accueillir à USC, je vous prie, Madame/Monsieur, d’agrémenter l’expression de mes salutations cordiales,

Jeff Persels, Coordinator, French Day at USC perselsj@sc.edu

Enclosures: Workshop/Class observations sign-up sheet

P.S. Other upcoming French-language activities of interest to you and your students. The Club Théâtre of the Alliance Française of Columbia will be performing its 9th annual show Fri., March 6 at 7 PM and Sun., March 8 at 2 PM, at the Columbia Museum of Art. This year’s production is an original pastiche of / homage to France’s best-known comic playwright, Molière 2.0. Free admission for students. For more information, please email me at perselsj@sc.edu. Also, a joint initiative with CinéCola and the Alliance Française de Columbia, the Concours des cinéastes en herbe is up and running this year. Your students are invited to submit one-minute videos for cash prizes, April 15, 2015 deadline. For contest rules and entry forms, visit: www.afcolumbiasc.org/concours#!concours/c11e3