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Sophisticated comics mavens take note:

Fantagraphics Books, The Alliance Francaise de Seattle, and 4Culture invite you to launch **A Week Celebrating the French Graphic Novel** with an **Opening Reception** at Seattle's Alliance Francaise this Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 PM. This reception takes place in the large salon of the historic Good Shepherd Center, located at 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N. (corner of Sunnyside & 50th) in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood. Fantagraphics Books co-publisher and international comics expert **KIM THOMPSON** will kick off proceedings with a media presentation focusing on 20 men and women who, in just a generation, have taken the French comics from a children's medium to the Oscars. A complete listing of related events can be found at: www.afseattle.org/bd.htm

Among the many highlights is an exhibition by renowned French cartoonist **DAVID B.** at Fantagraphics Bookstore & Gallery opening this Friday, August 15 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. David will be present to sign books and be very French. The show, "My Story, My Stories" represents an amazing collection of meticulously rendered original comics pages, including pieces from his singular memoir "Epileptic," as well as work from his "Babel" periodical, and contributions to Fantagraphics Books' acclaimed "MOME" anthology. All this, and French wine! See you then.

Fantagraphics Bookstore & Gallery is located at 1201 S, Vale St. in the heart of Seattle's historic Georgetown arts community. Open daily, 11:30 to 8:00 PM, Sunday until 5:00 PM. Phone: 206.658.0110.



