



press release

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**"Encore!"**

***Josephine Baker: the world's first black superstar enters France's Panthéon***

**On Saturday November 27 at 12:10 pm\*  
And on Tuesday November 30 at 4:45 pm**



Josephine Baker was the world's first black superstar... a revolutionary performer, a world famous singer, a movie star, a spy for French resistance, and a civil rights activist.

As she is honoured with a place in France's revered Panthéon monument, **Eve Jackson** speaks to her son, **Brian Bouillon Baker** - he tells her what it was like to be the child of one of the most famous performers of 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Also in this special culture show about Josephine Baker "Encore!" meets the man behind the campaign to convince President Macron to grant Josephine Baker a place in the Pantheon. **Laurent Kupferman** shares his passion for the icon who for him represents the values of France.

**Monique Y Wells**, who gives cultural tours of Black Paris, speaks to Eve Jackson from the place where Josephine Baker gave her first scandalous performance in France, the Champs Elysées theatre.

Finally, the actress **Clarisse Caplan** who plays Josephine Baker at Paris' new Passy Theatre talks to France 24 about the musical.

**In France 24's news bulletins and on france24.com  
Tuesday November 30**

France 24's four channels broadcast live the Josephine Baker's entrance ceremony to the Panthéon and its special correspondents report live from the ceremony in the news bulletins.

Interviews, reports and digital contents complete this special programming.

*\*Paris time*

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