

AFTER WINTER, SPRING

A documentary film by Judith Lit

Special New York City Screening

Followed by a discussion with the filmmaker **Judith Lit**,
Michelin starred chef **Daniel Boulud**, and Hudson Valley farmer **Sarah Chase**.
Moderated by **Alexandra Vallis**, Digital Director, *Food & Wine* magazine

Hosted by
French Institute Alliance Française
In partnership with
Slow Food NYC, National Young Farmers Coalition,
and **New York Women in Film and Television**

Monday, October 12, 2015 / 7:30pm / Florence Gould Hall, NYC

Filmmaker Judith Lit is available for interviews

Award-winning feature documentary *AFTER WINTER, SPRING*, directed by Judith Lit, will be screened at the Florence Gould Hall in New York City on Monday, October 12 at 7:30pm. The screening will be followed by a conversation bridging food, farm, and French cultures with chef Daniel Boulud, filmmaker Judith Lit, and Hudson Valley farmer Sarah Chase. The discussion will be moderated by Alexandra Vallis, Digital Director of *Food & Wine* magazine.

Following the screening and discussion, local farmers will be selling their best products of the season. Curated by Farm to People.

ABOUT THE FILM

One hundred years ago, half of France's population were farmers. Now less than 3% farm. In the Périgord, a rural community fears they may be the last generation of family farmers in a region continuously cultivated for over five thousand years. Six years in the making, *AFTER WINTER, SPRING* captures the daily lives of Nanou, Guy and other neighbors as they strive to find a balance between an ancestral way of life and the changing realities of a world dominated by large-scale industrial agriculture.

The farmers' stories are recorded by one of their neighbors, an American filmmaker who grew up on her family's farm in Pennsylvania. Inter-weaving her story and theirs, the film explores the nature of the farming life and the impact of rapid modernization on families whose survival is tied to the land. As the farmer's stories unfold, we see their responses to change...the losses and the surprising adaptations. *AFTER WINTER, SPRING* reveals the human story of family farming at a turning point in history.

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POST-SCREENING DISCUSSION WITH:



Judith Lit, director

Raised on her family's farm in rural Pennsylvania, Judith began her filmmaking career as Associate Producer of internationally acclaimed *Dark Circle*, winner of a National Emmy, the Grand Prize at Sundance, and a Certificate of Special Merit from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. She went on to produce, direct and write other award-winning films, including *Voices from the Classroom*, *As Seen on TV*, and *L'agriculture biologique: cultivar l'avenir?* for Arte France. She was also director of the San Francisco Women on Screen Film Festival. Judith divides her time between NYC and a small farm in southwestern France.



Daniel Boulud, chef

Daniel Boulud is revered as one of the world's finest chefs. Raised on his family's farm outside Lyon, he began working in professional kitchens as a teenager under a range of legendary French chefs. His restaurant group now spans from the US and Canada to London and Singapore. His flagship Michelin-starred Restaurant Daniel in NYC has been cited as "one of the ten best restaurants in the world" by the International Herald Tribune. Daniel is the recipient of multiple James Beard Foundation awards including "Outstanding Chef" and "Outstanding Restaurateur," and Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur by the French government.



Sarah Chase, farmer

Sarah Chase is the owner, along with her brother, of Chaseholm Farm, a third generation dairy in Pine Plains, NY. Sarah's passion for farming is deeply connected to the land and the cows her family has raised there. Returning to the farm, Sarah took over the dairy herd and grazing lands and is transitioning the farm to organic production. Her brother Rory turns that milk into small-batch artisanal cheeses. Chaseholm is one of only a handful of farmstead producers in NY State that produces cow's milk cheese from their own herd, fed solely on grass and grains from the farm.

Tickets: www.fiaf.org/events/aws

For more information on AFTER WINTER, SPRING: www.afterwinterspring.com

Film trailer: <https://vimeo.com/63988204>

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