



November leaves fall as  
theatre and film sprout

## Description

# Fall season brings not to be missed entertainment events

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Welcome to golden leaves as we enter November!

The song ***Autumn Leaves***, covered by many greats in English – **Nat King Cole**, **Frank Sinatra**, **Doris Day** – was originally written by French poet **Jacques Prevert** in 1945. Here is a rare version by heartthrob **Yves Montand**.

And in print, what finer illustration than the front page of the 1907 Chicago Tribune than John T. McCutcheon's wonderful **Injun Summer**, although the title might not be politically correct these days. Take a look at this iconic cartoon, which reappeared each year there until 1992, at the end of this article.

As leaves turn to gold, several new events are sprouting.

## Theatre

***Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors*** continues at the **Segal Centre until November 15**. (\$20 “flash tickets” are available until the end of the run.)

[segalcentre.org](http://segalcentre.org)

**META (Montreal English theatre Awards)** has its annual glittery event at the **GESU on November 6**.

[metas.ca](http://metas.ca)



Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors – Image: Emelia Hellman

***Sexual Misconduct of the Middle Classes*** runs at the **Centaur Theatre** from **November 8 to 27**. (Hannah Moscovitch's Governor General award winner of 2021)

[centaurtheatre.com](http://centaurtheatre.com)

***Lost In Yonkers*** by **Neil Simon**, presented by the **Lakeshore Players** and directed by **Donna Byrne** at the Lakeside Academy in Lachine on Thursdays to Sundays from **November 10 to 19** (also available online)

[lakeshoreplayersdorval.com](http://lakeshoreplayersdorval.com)

**QWF (Quebec Writers Federation) Annual Awards Night** at the Lion D'Or restaurant on **Monday, November 14**. The playwriting category was not included until a few years ago when added upon the urging of **Gabriel Safdie**.

[qwf.org](http://qwf.org)

***The Covenant*** runs at the **Segal Studio** from **November 13 to December 3**. Alice Abracen's startling new play is based on a true event in Nazi Germany.

[segalcentre.org](http://segalcentre.org)

## Film

**Cinemanía's** 28th annual festival of French films with English subtitles runs **until November 13** at Cinéma Imperial, Cinéma Québécois, Cinéma du Musée and Cinéma du Parc. Some 122 films – super pass to all or 6-pack, or

individual tickets available. A few workshops or receptions are included. Luxembourg is featured in addition to the usual France, Belgium, Switzerland, Quebec, and Algeria.

[festivalcinemania.com](http://festivalcinemania.com)

Oh, yes, as mentioned above, here is the iconic **Injun Summer cartoon**, based on the artist's childhood in Indiana and published annually from 1907 to 1992 on the front page of the **Chicago Tribune**.



Injun Summer – Image: Chicago Tribune

*Images: frame from the film Corsage, to be presented at Cinemania*



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