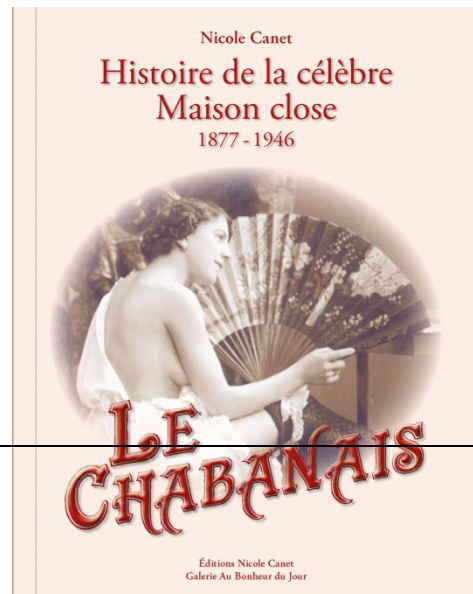


PRESS RELEASE

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In September 2015, the Parisian gallery Au Bonheur du Jour publishes a new book by Nicole Canet entitled *Le Chabonais – Histoire de la célèbre Maison close – 1877-1946* (A history of the celebrated bordello 'Le Chabonais').
EXHIBITION from 23 September to 14 November 2015

Between 1877 and 1946, 'Le Chabonais', at 12 rue Chabonais in the heart of Paris, saw a procession of Paris's finest ascend and descend its mysterious staircases. The rich and famous, men of culture and refinement, aristocrats, even royalty were its patrons. Sixty-nine years after Marthe Richard promoted new laws to close the brothels, Nicole Canet brings to life, at her gallery directly opposite the Chabonais, the true, documented story of what was widely known as the most luxurious bordello in all Paris.



UNIQUE DOCUMENTS REVEALED

For the first time, Nicole Canet has consulted, analysed and compared **forgotten documents** stored away in the **Archives of the Préfecture de Police**: contemporary police reports, charges and complaints from neighbours have been closely reviewed, **legal documents and family papers** have been entrusted for examination, revealing the fabulous *standing* of this magnificent *maison close*. The iconography of this new work has been carefully selected, **original documents** from the collection at the gallery Au Bonheur du Jour are presented and **original illustrations** illuminate its five chapters.

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Le Chabonais – Histoire de la célèbre Maison close – 1877-1946

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