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ANGELINA JOLIE BRINGS
DRAMA TO THE RUNWAY

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As the world watches the models and designers at Paris Fashion Week, drama unfolds behind the curtain in *Couture*.

The film, screening across Australia as part of the French Film Festival from 3 March to 26 April, follows three women – American filmmaker Maxine Walker (Angelina Jolie), South Sudanese model Ada (Anyier Anei) and French makeup artist Angele (Ella Rumpf) – whose lives begin to unwind during the busiest week of the year.

For Angelina, the storyline of Maxine receiving a breast cancer diagnosis hit close to home. The actress' mother, Marcheline Bertrand, died of cancer at age 56 and Angelina underwent a preventative double mastectomy in 2013.

"It felt so private that, in my mind, it's probably the one film that doesn't feel like a film," Angelina told *Variety*. As the women grapple with their trauma, the high-stakes world of fashion proves slight in comparison to the complicated lives of the women who wear the clothes.

