

## ARTS DIRECTORY

### Advertising Feature

**M**elbourne French Theatre Inc presents *Cher Trésor* (*Don't tax me too much, darling!*) by Francis Veber, in French with English surtitles.

Judith Turnbull directs this captivating narrative by the king of French comedy, which will have the whole audience in éclats de rire!

Veber's most hopelessly hilarious protagonist is back and more defeated than ever in *Cher Trésor*.

After losing his wife and job, Francois Pignon is at an all-time low. But when he finds himself house-sitting the tremendous mansion of his millionaire

godfather (Jonville), he comes up with a cunning plan that will drag him out of his misery and allow him to "exist" again in the eyes of his friends and family. The grand scheme? A tax audit! Why would a down-and-outer like himself require a tax audit when he has nothing? Here lies the answer to all his troubles, because the most important thing is not to be rich, but for other people to think that you are. With the help of Jonville's tax auditor, Pignon's various contemporaries come crawling back into his life, one by one, with a vexing interest in this strange and unexpected investigation by the

tax department. But when Jonville returns from his voyage at sea, his reappearance brings an unexpected discovery and a twist of fate for Pignon who is thrown into despair yet again, but for remarkably different reasons.

Shows: Tuesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 10 - 8pm.

Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10 - 2.30pm.

Where: Collingwood College Theatre, corner Cromwell Street and McCutcheon Way, Collingwood.

Tickets: \$32, \$28, \$24 and \$12.

Bookings: 9349 2250 or [www.mftinc.org](http://www.mftinc.org)



FROM LEFT: Fabrice Chatain, Nathanaël Francisco and Marie Besse rehearse a scene in *Cher Trésor*.