

Le Souffleur

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Bonne Année - MFT a 32 ans!

In 2009, MFT will again present two shows in May and August.

2008 Season

May – *Run For Your Wife* by Ray Cooney, adapted in French by Stewart Vaughan and Jean-Christophe Barc



After an 18 year absence, MFT rediscovered the 280 seat theatre at Collingwood College to stage the hilarious *Run For Your Wife* (*Stationnement Alterné*) by Ray Cooney adapted by Vaughan and Barc, in French with English surtitles. MFT secured the services of talented voiceover artist, actor, director and filmmaker Stig Wemyss who was just the ticket to direct this fast-paced revolving door comedy with a superb cast, of the taxi driver, Jean Martin (Richard Stracchi) married to two wives – Charlotte (Brunehilde Munier) and Mathilde (Frédérique Fouché), perfect in their roles.

The nosy police inspectors were played by Michael Bula, the punctilious Inspector Tréguier and Eddy K Fatha, the all-too-caring Inspector Pontarlier. Jean's friend Gilbert Jardinier was played by Erwann de Carheil. The inconvenient gay upstairs neighbour Claude was played by MFT stalwart Clifford Edouard and finally the photographer was played by Eva Kijlstra. Nearly 900 spectators enjoyed this rollicking ride. Soizic Bernier, an architect, deserves special mention for her innovative natural set.



August – *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* by Choderlos de Laclos adapted by Colin Duckworth



This work saw life as a publication of an exchange of letters, adapted in a number of film versions in French and English. Another long-time project of Michael Bula was the adaptation of this work to theatre – a very ambitious task! Colin Duckworth made it all possible by accepting this job and creating a fine-tuned highly theatrical and workable text, which director Christiane Hille, very ably directed and staged. The play was presented as a brilliant period piece with costume design by Belinda Davis and an imaginative set, inspired by Christiane Hille, and created by set designer Amanda Roy, with gorgeous costumes by Belinda Davis. La Marquise de Merteuil was played by Frédérique Fouché and the Vicomte de Valmont by Thomas Mainwaring, two fine actors. La Présidente de Tourvel was convincingly portrayed by Katherine Payne. Madame de Rosemonde was Gail Grove (*Huit Femmes*) and Madame de Volanges Catherine Jackson-Grose (*Huit Femmes*). The young innocent Cecile de Volanges was played by Aurélia Gachet in her third MFT appearance, ably accompanied by Cédric Maruani as le Chevalier Danceny.

First time actor Camille Pronzato played the dual roles of the two servant sisters Julie and Marie and the inimitable French comedic talent Eddy K. Fatha played Azolan, valet to the Vicomte de Valmont, in a stellar cast.

Over 900 spectators attended this highly acclaimed production.



Subscriptions

Just a reminder that subscription fees for 2009 are due in January - go to our website www.mftinc.org for the form.

Special offer

As MFT policy, MFT offer subscribers a **10% reduction** in fees if they supply their email address.

As advised previously, the general mailing list has now been significantly reduced. If you want to be kept informed, we appeal to you to join. Do read the NEW benefits and complete the form and support our activities as it provides important fundraising revenue, so MFT can continue to present its wonderful productions with much needed funds! Please join/rejoin today.

Tax Deductible Donations

In the subscription form, as we are no longer the recipient of the French Government grant, we urge you to consider a fully tax deductible donation of \$100 or more, for which we issue a tax receipt. You can reduce your taxable income and benefit a worthy cause.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Meredith Gammie for her work with the English surtitles, very

much a part of all MFT productions since 1999. Our gratitude is extended to the indefatigable Angèle Cadge, MFT Secretary and Catering Director, Felicity Cook, Media and Sponsorship Manager and all the many actors, directors, administrative, backstage, artistic and administrative staff who made the shows possible.

MFT Website

The site continues to improve and has an archive section for plays from 1999 including photos and news. Security encryption for orders offers protection. Please consult the new pricing policy section. MFT requests that you use the website, as we do not have adequate staff to deal with the myriad of telephone enquiries, in order to communicate with us (email contact form), download forms and information at

www.mftinc.org

2009 Programme

- *Caught in the Net [Chat et Souris]* by Ray Cooney, adapted by Stewart Vaughan and Jean-Christophe Barc – 5 to 9 May 2009
- *Elle t'attend* by Florian Zeller – 25 to 29 August 2009.
- Restaurant evenings – PERIODIC

English Surtitles

Again, all year 2009 productions and beyond shall have one or two PowerPoint slide video projected English surtitles. Please tell your non-French-speaking friends and acquaintances.



Rehearsal Space

MFT is proud to announce that the City of Yarra continues to be a major sponsor of MFT, since 1999, providing rehearsal space for free and performance spaces at a greatly reduced cost. MFT gratefully thanks the City of Yarra.



Production/Venues

MFT is currently seeking :

- sponsorship officers
- publicity officers
- directors
- actors
- ticket secretaries
- production managers
- set designers & constructors
- graphic artists
- stage managers
- costume coordinators
- admin & publicity staff
- drivers with vehicles.

To save time see our website and **only** send your CV through the Contact page on our website completing the form or by email, fax or post to us (see below).

and alternative theatre venues and rehearsal spaces and request you advise us through the contact page on the website.

Sponsorship

MFT is seeking corporate sponsorships for 2009, for which extensive publicity on posters and programmes and complimentary tickets are available, as well as advertising on our video screen by projection of logos at shows.

Details of our exciting sponsorship packages are on the website and interested parties are asked to contact our Sponsorships Manager Felicity Cook on **on 0412 460 450 or felicitycook@iprimus.com.au**

Special thanks to all our present sponsors, without whom MFT could not exist.

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