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**Bonne Année – 2015**  
Le MFT a 38 ans  
[founded/fondé en 1977] !



## 2014 Season

May – *Cher Trésor – Don't tax me too much, darling!* by Francis Weber



L to R – Florian Costé, Noémie Clain, Nathanaël Francisco and Pauline Mornet



L to R - Nathanaël Francisco and Florian Costé

Judith Turnbull was our new director for this Australian first, presented by MFT less than 12 months from its opening in Paris, which starred the famous Gérard Jugnot. The cast were:

Pignon – Nathanaël Francisco  
Maurin – Fabrice Chatain  
Christine – Noémie Clain  
Marie – Marie Besse  
Toulouse – Mathieu Martinot Dubary  
Olga – Pauline Mornet  
Florian Costé – Jonville

An innovative set and lighting design added to the wonderful modernist atmosphere.



The team L to R – Fabrice Chatain, Mathieu Martinot Dubary, Marie Besse, Nathanaël Francisco, director Judith Turnbull, Executive Director Michel Bula, Pauline Mornet, Noémie Clain and Florian Costé



September – *Georges Dandin or The frustrated husband* by Molière



The cast L to R – Ludivine Siret, Robin Brugerolle, Karim Bouriah-Lopez, Faustine Werts, Anna Vranes, Michel Bula and Aurélie Casrouge

As a game-changer, MFT presented this play in the new *La Maison de Maître* (see below) venue for an intimate chamber theatre experience of this charming *Commedia dell'arte*-inspired production directed by Christopher Hosking. The actors were:

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Georges Dandin – Faustine Werts  
Angélique Anna Vranes – Angélique  
Monsieur de Sotenville – Michel Bula  
Madame de Sotenville – Aurélie  
Casrouge  
Clitandre – Karim Bouriah-Lopez  
Claudine – Ludivine Siret  
Lubin + Colin – Robin Brugerolle

From 2014 onwards, the first or main production will be in a larger theatre for a one-week season, and for the September or second season, in *La Maison de Maître* for a two-week season.



L to R – Robin Brugerolle and Faustine Werts



L to R – Aurélie Casrouge, Michel Bula, Faustine Werts, Karim Bouriah-Lopez, Anna Vranes and Ludivine Siret



L to R – Faustine Werts, Michel Bula and Aurélie Casrouge



## Subscriptions

Just a reminder that subscription fees for 2015 are due in January - go to our website [www.mftinc.org](http://www.mftinc.org).

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.



## Colin Ryder Duckworth – Actor Encouragement Prize

MFT pays tribute to an artistic and literary giant and one of its Life Members and founding members who died on 6 December 2012. From 1978: he directed and adapted a number of plays exclusively for MFT and introduced the famous bilingual format prevalent from the 1970s to the 1990s. The second recipient of the prize is our esteemed veteran actor and director Dr Henry Mera who has made an enormous artistic contribution to MFT since 2001.



## Tax Deductible Donations

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In the subscription form, 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 again must go to all actors, directors, backstage, artistic and administrative staff mentioned in the programs – some 50/60 + souls for each show without which MFT would no longer exist. They all volunteered their time tirelessly. Our gratitude is extended to all the unnamed *aficionados* who made the shows possible.



## MFT Website

[www.mftinc.org](http://www.mftinc.org)

The website continues to grow and receive compliments, thanks:

Carole Felmy from Crealo Design



[www.crealodesign.com](http://www.crealodesign.com)

Please use it as much as possible for communication and bookings fully secure platform, as we do not have a permanent staff.



## 2015 Programme

May

*Is three really a crowd, or Le plus heureux des trois* by Eugène Labiche

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September

*Le Roi se meurt* by Eugène Ionesco

At the *La Maison de Maître* Building

School Tours During Term

*Le Petit Nicolas* [interactive student workshop] and *Les Courtes Lignes de Courteline* [costumed and performed rehearsed reading] for primary and secondary schools and universities.

**Programme subject to change**

## English Surtitles

We now have surtitle teams of 4 persons and upwards working on surtitles for productions which usually takes some 3 months of intense work and collaboration with the producer and director.

All 2014 productions have PowerPoint slide video projected English surtitles. Please tell your non-French-speaking friends and acquaintances.



## Rehearsal Space

It is momentous that after 34 years, and onwards, MFT finally found a home for rehearsals and some small productions [more on that later].

*La Maison de Maître* Building continues to serve as the rehearsal space in Carlton for MFT since 2011.



## Venue - *La Maison de Maître* Building



[www.lamaisondemaître.com.au](http://www.lamaisondemaître.com.au)

Multi-use fully renovated building available for hire for presentations, conferences, classes, arts performances, rehearsals, meetings, corporate functions and meals, gallery space, cocktail venue, wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, commercial kitchen, product launches and unlimited uses in the heart of Carlton



203-205 Canning Street, CARLTON  
corner Neill Street  
[Melway Ref: Map 43 K2]  
grey-blue building



## 2015 Venues

In May 2015 with *Is three really a crowd?* by Labiche, we shall return to the Open Stage Theatre open at Black Box Studio, at the University of Melbourne, where we last performed *Le Petit Prince* in 2007 and many shows prior to that year.

In September we shall continue to present the second season at the *La Maison de Maître* building.

Can you suggest an inner-city venue for 250 seats or so?

## Assistance/Venues

MFT is currently seeking :

- directors
- actors
- crew to film MFT shows and edit the DVDs
- sponsorship manager + officers
- publicity officers
- ticket secretaries
- production managers
- set designers & constructors
- graphic artists
- stage managers
- costume coordinators
- admin & publicity staff
- drivers/general help 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

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email to us – 1 attachment through our website [see below] and alternative theatre venues and rehearsal spaces and request you advise us through the contact page on the website.



## Sponsorship

It is amazing MFT has existed for 38 years on shoestring budgets producing what appear to be expensive high quality productions.

We seek corporate sponsorships for 2015, 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 on 03 9349 2250 or [productions@mftinc.org](mailto:productions@mftinc.org).

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



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