

Le Souffleur

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Bonne Année à tous

1997 and MFT is 20 years old !
Yes, we have passed the second decade and there are a few things in store.

Le Souffleur has once again a new format in line with our 20th birthday and MFT's quiet technological revolution, presenting a bold new look. We hope you agree.

A new logo for the next century

Leopold (alias Alain Babin), our talented actor and graphic artist, was commissioned by MFT to create a new logo and here it is -



MFT logo (copyright MFT Inc. 1997)

It has been described anonymously as "...strong, imaginative and curiously tribal...", stirring words, for what MFT aspires to for its productions, in these lean times for the arts !

After all we have toured some remote regions in the South Pacific and Canberra for that matter !

20th Birthday Party

Keep Saturday 22 March 1997 free for our celebration, at the Meeting Room, 1st floor, North Melbourne Town Hall, corner Errol and Queensberry Street, North Melbourne at 7.30 pm.

On the agenda, is a video and poster retrospective, food and drink, music, special guests - all for a nominal charge of \$15 to cover costs. Special T-shirts and Pins on sale (see enclosed form).

Put it in your diaries.

20th Birthday Official Raffle

We have organised a wonderful raffle which shall be drawn during our 20th Birthday Party at 9pm.

As we are short of funds (to labour the point), your support in ordering tickets or selling raffle books would be ever appreciated. Please see the enclosed sheet.

The Servant of Two Masters



Goldoni Act 3 Final scene

The play by Carlo Goldoni in French and Italian, *cousin Latin languages after all* (and some Latin, *ergo Dottore Lombardi*) was conceived by Michael Bula and created by the skillful Jean Papillon, our resident bilingual adaptor. The highly talented Caroline Stacey directed a wonderful show and group of Italian and French speaking actors.

A big thank you to all actors, especially our star *Truffaldino* Mimmo Mangione and our adorable Mario Mori as *Pantalone* (and no, Michael Bula is not an ad for Jenny Craig!) and staff for achieving the superb result, praised in the *Herald-Sun*, *Le Courier Australien* and the *Globo* newspapers.

Bravi et Bravo !

1996 Program

Finances did not permit us to stage the cabaret which we planned in December 1996. In fact our bank account was in debit for the second part of 1996.

A great success however (apart from *The Servant of Two Masters*) was the play reading of *L'Importance d'être constant* by Oscar Wilde in May 1996. As a result a play reading features in the 1997 program.



Algernon (Michael Bula) and Earnest (Nigel Anderson) in *L'Importance d'être Constant*

Set Storage

Our call for set storage was answered by the great friends of MFT, John and Joy Foers, whom we wish to currently thank and acknowledge for providing us with their "Ripponlea Garage", which some of the faithful have stacked with sets and where a cat was nearly locked in *ALIVE!* to become an unsavoury theatre prop for one of those strange animal plays! (Dominique Gibert and Angèle Cadge know what we mean!)

1997 Program

- 20th Birthday Party - March
- Major theatre production - May
- Restaurant evenings
- Play reading - October

Le Souffleur

We are looking for casual or permanent contributors to *Le Souffleur*, to review our productions, restaurant nights and special events. Can you help or suggest anyone?

Production People

MFT is seeking

- graphic artists
- stage managers
- production managers
- directors

for future productions (see sheet)

Assistance

Assistance is sought for donations of food, drink and party ware for our 20th birthday party.

Soirée au Restaurant

An international food adventure will start off the year on Saturday, 15 February (see the attached sheet for details).

Subscriptions

1997 subscriptions are now due. The fee is still only \$20 for the year and a form is enclosed. Please join/rejoin right away to show your support for our activities, so MFT can keep you posted for all events.

Tax Deductible Donations

In the subscription form, we urge you to consider a fully tax deductible donation of \$75 or more, for which we issue a tax receipt. This can reduce your taxable income and benefit a worthy cause.

Sponsorships

MFT is seeking corporate sponsorships for 1997, for which extensive publicity, tickets and some exciting advertising packages are available. Special thanks to all our present sponsors, without whom MFT could not exist.



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