

## Arts Directory

### Advertising Promotion

**M**elbourne French Theatre (MFT), founded in 1977 by Michael Bula and David Gorrie at The University of Melbourne, produces two or more productions each year. This year it celebrates its 35th anniversary with the Australian premiere of *Don Juan on Trial* (*La Nuit de Valognes*) by French playwright, screenwriter and novelist Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt. Directed by Marco Romero and produced by Michael Bula for MFT, the play will be performed in French with English surtitles.

# French drama will intrigue

In a crumbling *château* in remote Normandy, the Duchess mysteriously calls together a number of women for a special soirée. All are strangers with one unifying thread – Don Juan! ... a night of bitter-sweet revenge, drama and surprise ...

Following a fascinating interplay among the women and their former seducer, Don Juan, he is given the ultimatum of marrying one of his victims ... Oddly enough he agrees. Has life finally caught up with him? Has the myth come to an end?

*Don Juan on Trial* will show from Tuesday, September 4 to Saturday, September 8 at 8pm with matinees on September 7 and 8 at 2.30pm.

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

**Tickets:** prices range from \$12 to \$32.

**Bookings:** go to [www.mftinc.org](http://www.mftinc.org), complete and pay on the online booking form or call 9349 2250.



Damien Kenny as Don Juan and Magali Berquand as Angélique.

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### Auditions

#### Don Juan on Trial

[La Nuit de Valognes] by E-E Schmitt  
Australian premiere in French (English surtitles)  
Melb French Thr, Collingwood  
College Thr, Cromwell St, Coll.  
4 to 8 Sept @ 8pm, 7 & 8 Sept @ 2.30pm  
T512-532 [www.mftinc.org](http://www.mftinc.org) or 9349 2250