

French drama at its best

Melbourne French Theatre Inc presents *Exit the King (Le Roi se Meurt)*, directed by Marco Romero Rodriguez and produced by Michael Bula. It will follow the final hour of Ionesco's famed egocentric king, whose legacy is only as big as his head.

Part Marx Brothers, part Existentialism, this is a re-imagining of Ionesco's most accessible and linear absurdist play.

His palace is crumbling, his fields lie fallow and his mountains are sinking. King Bergener has let his kingdom go to ruin, having pursued an extravagant lifestyle of parties, dinners and honeymoons... but he's just been told has 90 minutes left to live.

With two bickering wives, a doctor, a guard and a servant by his side, the king goes from defiance, to resignation, to



■ *Exit the King* cast.

complete delirium as his mind and body deteriorates throughout this absurdist drama by Eugène Ionesco.

The play will be performed in French with English surtitles from September 1-12 at La Maison de Maître pop up theatre in Carlton. Enjoy free wine and cheese before the show. Book tickets on 9349 2250 or from melbournefrenchtheatre.org.au