



LANGUAGE OF LOVE



YOU CAN'T TRIFLE WITH LOVE

Coppin Hall, Richmond

September 7-11

ON-NE badine pas avec l'amour (or to us monolingual Melburnians, *You Can't Trifle With Love*) is the second play this year from Victoria's only French theatre company. The Melbourne French Theatre Inc. is producing the famous romantic play, written by Alfred de Musset in 1834, as part of its 27th birthday celebrations.

Actor, translator and international lawyer Michael Bula founded the company in 1977 as a student at Melbourne University.

"There have been many highlights over the last 27 years," he says.

"In 1986 we were placed under the patronage of the French Ambassador and in 1995 we signed an associate agreement with the University of Melbourne."

You Can't Trifle With Love is about a die-hard romantic who learns that his childhood sweetheart is anti-men, anti-love and anti-marriage.

The Melbourne French Theatre Inc is the only theatre house in Australia to be funded by the French Government and has assembled a formidable team of French-speaking actors.

"This play is for the Melbourne French speaking community, school and tertiary students and just lovers of French theatre," Bula says. "You don't have to speak a word of French to absolutely enjoy this play."

Coppin Hall is at 333 Punt Road. Bookings: 9349 2250 or www.mftinc.org