



LE PETIT PRINCE

When: June 25, 27 and 28 at 8pm
Where: St Brigid's Hall, 378 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy
Preview: Marion Joseph

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Little space traveller draws wide appeal

Le *Petit Prince* is a wondrous fairytale with a difference. Not only will children enjoy the fantastical world of this French play, but adults will connect with the more subtle themes of morality, and good versus evil.

The work, directed by Karen Berger, is an adaptation of a book written by famous French author Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

Melbourne French Theatre executive

director Michael Bula says it's a universal story that appeals to people from various cultures.

"It's been translated into no less than 76 languages, which is a record for any French story," he says.

"The little prince is an intergalactic voyager, who arrives and sees all the good and bad things the Earth throws up.

"The pilot in the play is the mirror of the

author, who drew inspiration from his own exploits as a pilot during WWII."

Le Petit Prince will have English surtitles, which Bula says are integral to Melbourne French Theatre's mission to be accessible to non-French-speaking audiences.

"From seven to 70, the play attracts all ages," he says.

For bookings, call 9349 2250.