

L'ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE COLUMBIA  
presents

# LE BAL DES VOLEURS



by Jean Anouilh

**Cardinal Newman High School Auditorium**

4701 Forest Drive  
Columbia, 29206

Friday, February 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public  
(but donations to the AF welcome)

Columbia's Alliance Française theatrical troupe takes on one of French literature's most sparkling comedies, Jean Anouilh's *The Thieves' Carnival*. The outrageous plot is set in the spa town of Vichy in the 1930s, where three professional thieves ply their trade among the well-heeled tourists and inhabitants. The romantic Juliette, niece of bored socialite Lady Hurf, falls for the youngest thief, and Lady Hurf ends up knowingly welcoming all three thieves into her villa as a distraction, getting much more than she bargained for.

One of Anouilh's most successful plays in America, *The Thieves' Carnival* offers as much fun for the audience as for the actors on stage. Performed in French by a cast of mostly native French speakers, staged in beautiful settings and vintage costumes, this comedy is accessible to students as early as the second year of French.

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