



L'ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE COLUMBIA
presents



MOLIÈRE'S



LE
BOURGEOIS
GENTILHOMME

Cardinal Newman High School Auditorium

4701 Forest Drive
Columbia, 29206

Friday, February 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Performed in French

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

The Columbia Alliance Française theatrical troupe's third annual show is one of Molière's best-loved comedies. Wealthy retired cloth merchant M. Jourdain, besotted with the nobility in general and the beautiful marquise Dorimène in particular, schools himself in ways to impress her. Encouraged in his delusions by an impoverished count, Dorante (who duplicitously exploits him to win the marquise for himself), M. Jourdain refuses to marry his daughter Lucile to Cléonte, trolling for an aristocrat instead of the worthy but modest suitor she loves. Cléonte's wily valet, Covielle, himself in love with Lucile's maid, Nicole, hatches a plot to trick M. Jourdain into believing he is, indeed, a gentleman and giving his daughter in marriage to Cléonte, disguised as a Turkish prince.

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