

**You are invited to the next Melbourne Salon at the Alliance Française.**

**Thursday 18 April 2013, 7pm - 9 pm**

**THE OTHER NAPOLEON**  
**The extravagant gas-lit Second Empire of Napoléon III**

**In words, music, portraits and photographs, presented by David Hood.**

Following last year's sell-out Napoleon exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, David Hood surveys the career of the "other Napoleon" (nephew of Napoléon I), who ruled France between 1848 and 1870.

He rebuilt Paris, but no boulevard bears his name. He brought stability and prosperity to France, yet is almost erased from French history. Why? Alas, his erratic foreign policy (and his reign) ended in the catastrophic war with Prussia which saw France invaded and the City of Light besieged.

This multi-media presentation uses portraits, photographs, the spoken word, and items from David's collection to survey this fascinating era and its personalities. It is time to reappraise the man who created the Paris we know today, and who ruled longer than his famous uncle, in a period where art flourished and glamour ruled.

Back by popular demand after *THE EXISTENTIAL PIANO: Chopin, George Sand, Liszt, Marie d'Agoult and the Paris Salons* (Melbourne Salon July 2011 on the occasion of Liszt's 200th birthday), David will again play Chopin and Liszt at the keyboard. Not to be missed!

**David Hood** is a musician and local celebrity himself. Long-time 3MBS FM broadcaster and previous pre-concert speaker for the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, he has been sharing his love of Franz Liszt for years, and has been honoured by the Hungarian Government for his Liszt studies.

**Please note this Salon will exceptionally be held in the basement at the Alliance Française (accessible only by stairs).**

**Cover charge payable on the night (includes cheese and wine) – cash only please: \$15**

**Bookings essential: [themelbournesalon@gmail.com](mailto:themelbournesalon@gmail.com) (numbers strictly limited to 50).**