all packed into four weeks. Prices are more than reasonable for most events, but there is so much to do you had better abandon eating for the month.

It's impossible to choose between the marvels on offer, but if you really must try:

**SPOLETO**

*Porgy and Bess.* Thurs Sept 10 — Fri 25. State Theatre, Victorian Arts Centre. Tickets from $14 to $39. 'I love you, Porgy' wails Bess: 'We love you, Gershwin', croons the audience. A joint Australian/American venture.

*Tech Ballet.* Dance! Tues Sept 22 — Sat 26. State Theatre, Vic Arts Centre. Tickets $14 to $37. But can they boogie?

**YUGOSLAV THEATRE POSTERS** Sept 10-26. Westpac Gallery, vic Arts Centre. Yugoslavia's leading graphic artist, Boris Rucan, creates superb visual images for the theatre.

**POBLETO FRINGE**

*New Works By Women.* Mon Sept 14-Sun 27. Arena Theatre, South Yarra. Tickets $8/S12 night or $14/S22 the season. A mini festival of women's work, with four or five short events each night.

*The Best of Fringe Comedy.* Mon, Sept 14, 21, 28. Prince Patrick's Hotel, Collingwood. $6/$4. Not more haircut jokes!

*Funny Writers Read.* Tuesday 15, 22, 29. Prince Patrick's Hotel, Collingwood. S7/S5. They talk funny, too.


**PICCOLO SPOLETO**


*MUSIC DELI LIVE* Fri Sept 11. Toorak Uniting Church. Family ticket $15, individual tickets $7/$5. A smorgasbord of music from around the globe.

**SYDNEY**

Straight. Fringe or Piccolo. September is Spoleto Festival time in Melbourne, and the variety of events is staggering. The Spoleto Festival was imported from Italy last year, and immediately generated a host of related events. The Fringe and Piccolo Spoletos each boast hundreds of concerts, plays, readings, film showings, exhibitions and dance.