



Slapstick 'Cinders'

Scenes from musical comedy "Cinders," presented by the Family Players, include (above) Bob McSweeney of Farmington Hills (from left) as the Baron, Sheryl Krause of Oak Park as step-sister Tuffi and Alan Krause of Birmingham as step-sister Pruitt; (below) Emily McSweeney of Farmington Hills plays Bobtail (from left), McSweeney as the Baron and Cookie Baker of West Bloomfield as Reg. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. Tickets are available at the door, at Warner Junior High School on 14 Mile between Middlebelt and Northwest Highway in Farmington Hills. Family Players includes members age 3-71 with diverse backgrounds, from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Birmingham and West Bloomfield.



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Theater offers tragicomedy

"Tango," a complex and absurdly drawn tragicomedy by the contemporary Polish playwright Slawomir Mrozek, will be the second offering of the current University of Michigan department of theater and drama's Showcase Season, Nov. 14-17 in Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor.

In "Tango," the playwright explores a multitude of political, social, religious and philosophical issues of this century through the disordered lives of three generations of an eastern European family.

Both the tragedy and the comedy of the play evolve from the family members' inability to come to terms with each other's differing stands on these issues.

Mrozek was born near Krakow in 1930. Before becoming one of Poland's top playwrights he was a cartoonist, short story writer and a writer of children's fiction, which he also illustrated. In these earlier efforts, his satirical and political themes were already present.

duced in Warsaw in 1958, Mrozek's reputation grew in Poland and throughout the world, where his plays have been performed in various media.

After this play, considered a satirical fable, he moved into the area of the "theater of the absurd" in which "Tango" and several of his one-acts are included.

Though his plays have had varying reception worldwide, he is extremely popular in Poland, where the first production of "Tango" in 1965 was a great success, despite its politically satirical themes in a communist controlled country.

His not being censored by the government was possibly due to his skillful presentation of these themes in an absurdist fashion.

Its previous productions in the United States were off-Broadway in New York and at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis.

Tickets are on sale at the Professional Theatre Program ticket office in the Michigan League. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 764-0450.



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'Gypsy' opens in dinner theater production

The musical comedy "Gypsy" will open in a dinner theater production on Friday, Nov. 2, at the Sheraton Pontiac-Bloomfield.

A cast of 15 will be featured in the show, which plays Fridays and Saturdays. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The curtain rises at the 8:30 p.m.

A choice of five entrees will be offered. Tickets are priced for a dinner and theater package, or showtime only (when available) including two pre-paid drinks.

The Sheraton is on Woodward, north of Square Lake Road, in Pontiac.

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