



Cast members in "Of Mice and Men" include (from left) Michael Medeiros as George, David Graf as Lenny, Eric Uhler as Curly and Gail Bryson as Curly's wife.

Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men' opening

John Steinbeck's gripping drama, "Of Mice and Men" will open a four-week run Thursday, Nov. 8, on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester.

The story "Of Mice and Men" deals with a pair of migrant farmers who stick together although they have nothing in common but their dream of a piece of land of their own.

Lennie is a retarded giant of a man who is totally dependent on the intelligent good-natured George. Lennie's

strength is often a source of trouble for the pair as they move from farm to farm.

In spite of the brutal working conditions on the farms, there is a subdued tenderness in the longing of these tough farmhands for a place of their own.

MEADOW BROOK newcomers David Graf and Michael Medeiros play the roles of Lennie and George, respectively. Graf most recently appeared in the McCarter Theater's production of

"A Comedy of Errors" and ABC-TV's daytime series, "The Edge of Night." Medeiros just completed filming a PBS-TV special, "The Molders of Troy."

Last summer he created the role of Lennie on the CBS-TV series, "Search for Tomorrow." Other members of the cast new to Meadow Brook audiences include David Jeffrey, Gail Bryson, John W. Hardy and Eric Uhler.

Tom Spackman and A. D. Cover, who just appeared in the season's opener, "The School for Scandal," will also be seen in the cast. Returning veteran Harry Elkerbe plays a leading role as a crippled farmhand.

"Of Mice and Men," under the direc-

tion of John Ulmer, will feature sets by Peter-Williams Hicks, costumes by Annette DiFilippo and lighting by Barry Griffith.

Opening week performances for "Of Mice and Men" are scheduled at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The following weeks will offer performances at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 6 and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays; 6:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Wednesdays. The theater is dark Mondays.

Tickets for "Of Mice and Men," which will run through Dec. 2, may be purchased at Hudson's or by calling the Meadow Brook box office, 377-3300.

'A Life in the Theatre' revamps play schedule

Terence Kilburn, artistic director of the Meadow Brook Theatre, has announced a change in the 1980 program. David Mamet's New York hit, "A Life in the Theatre," which has recently become available for production in this area, will be given its Detroit premiere by Meadow Brook this season.

A "Life in the Theatre" was acclaimed "... a comic masterpiece" and "... a glorious new comedy" by leading New York critics. It will open at Meadow Brook on Thursday, Feb. 28

and play through Sunday, March 23. Eugene O'Neill's Drama, "A Moon for the Misbegotten," originally scheduled to be presented on those dates, will now play from Jan. 3-27, in place of the previously announced "Entertaining Mr. Sloane."

For further information, call the Meadow Brook Theatre box office, 377-3300. The theater is located on the Oakland University Campus near Rochester.

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