



Leading roles in "Wine in the Wilderness" are played by Darlene French and Ruben Santiago.

Comedy-drama eyes black womanhood

"Wine in the Wilderness," a comedy-drama by Alice Childress, will take over the stage at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Wayne State University Studio Theatre, downstairs at the Hilberry, in Detroit.

Additional performances are at 8:30 p.m. Jan. 29-31 and at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 4-7. One matinee will be given at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 5.

"Wine in the Wilderness" was first presented by WGBH-TV in Boston in 1959. As the first play in the series "On Being Black," Ms. Childress explores the meaning of black womanhood.

The play is set in a Harlem tenement during the disturbances of the summer of 1964. A young artist, Bill Jameson, is painting a triptych called "Wine in the Wilderness," three canvases on black womanhood. Two have been completed, one entitled "Black Girlhood" and the second the "African Queen."

THE UNFINISHED third is of the black woman as he sees her today, "grass roots . . . the lost woman."

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Rock awards show honors state's best

By NICK CHARLES

Detroit and its metropolitan area has spawned some of the country's greatest talents and it's time to start celebrating that fact.

A point for Michigan will be chalked up in the form of an awards show called the Michigan Rock Awards. The gala event will be held in the Fountain Ballroom of Masonic Temple at 9 p.m. Monday.

The show will be put on by Parenteau Guidance Inc., a new company owned by former Son-of-Bamboo employee Gail Parenteau. Sam's Jam Discount Records of Ferndale sponsors the evening.

The award itself will be called a "Sammy" and there will be 16 categories: Best New Wave Group, Best Rock Group, Best R&B Group, Favorite Male and Female Air Personalities, Best Recording Studio, Favorite Rock Club, Favorite New Wave Fashion Store, Best Rock Critic and Photographer, Best Publication, Best 45 or L.P., Best Promotion Person, Music Retail Store, National Live Group, and Favorite



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Quartet plays

Jack Brokensha of Bloomfield Township, jazz vibist, brings his quartet to John Laffrey's Vineyards Annex in Southfield. Brokensha has been performing mostly concerts and benefits the last two years. The Jack Brokensha Quartet featuring Matt Michaels plays at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays at the Vineyards. Michaels is on piano, Dan Jordan on bass.

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