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

## Comedy-drama eyes black womanhood

"Wine in the Wilderness," a comedyframa by Alice Childress will take
over the stage at 8:30 p.m. Ja. 28 at
the Wayne State University Studio Thestret, downstairs at the Hilberty, in Defroit.

Additional performances are at 8:30
p.m. Jan 29-31 and at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 5.

"Wine in the Wilderness" was first
presented by WGBH-TV in Boston in
1969. As the first play in the servise "On
Being Black," Ms. Childress explores
the meaning of black womanhood.

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

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## Rock awards show honors state's best

By NICK CHARLES

Detroit and its metropolitan area has nawned some of the country's greatest alents and it's time to start celebrat-

talents and it's time to sum cerestating 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 Parenthe snow will be put of 17 the teau Guidance Inc., a new company owned by former Son-of-Bamboo em-ployee Gail Parenteau. Sam's Jams Discount Records of Ferndale sponsors

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, Male and Female Air Personalities, Best Recording Studio, Favorite Rock Club, Favorite New Wave Fashion Store, Best Rock Critic and Photogra-pher, Best Publication, Best 45 or L.P., Best Promotion Person, Music Retail Store, National Live Group, and Favor-

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THE PURPOSE of the award show, says Parenteau, is to "salute the artists, clubs, radio stations, publications and people that make Michigan the rock and roll capitol of the world."

The presentations will be hosted by former WABX disc jockey Mark Parenteau.

### Comedy opens at restaurant

Greg Tatum of Bloomfield Hills and Elizabeth Kercheart of Warren are co-starring in "Same Time, Next Year" at the Wine Tasters Restaurant in Ster-ling Haights ling Heights.

ling Heights.
Reservations for the dinner theater production can be made by calling 288-0450.
The show had the same cast in a record-setting run at the Holiday Inn Dinner Theatre in Traverse City last



#### 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 abyes at 7:30 nm. Wed-Micheals plays at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays at the Vineyards. Michaels is on piano, Dan Jordan on bass.

### Harold Melvin appears at db's club in Dearborn

Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes appear through Siturday at db's club late Hyatt Regency Dearborn with hits from the past and tunes from The Blue Album," the group's mostly recently released collection of blues. Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and is tight in the 1969s and by 1971 toured the world with a string of gold and platitum this such as "Wake Up Everybody,"." If You Don't Know Me

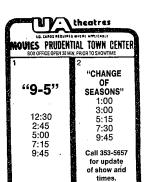


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