



## Good music marks a very happy return

**Performances of the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "The Rose Tattoo" by Tennessee Williams continue through Sunday, Jan. 25, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300.**

By Cathie Bruidenbach  
special writer

Director Charles Nolte deftly sidesteps the trap in Tennessee Williams' drama "The Rose Tattoo" and presents a balanced and wonderfully funny production.

True, "Tattoo" is a passionate, lusty drama about love, grief and the sexual renaissance of Serafina Delle Rose. The potential trap in all the hot-blooded, arm-waving Sicilian emotion at the center of the play is to go for passion and downplay the brilliant, touching comedy Tennessee Williams wrote into "Tattoo."

With Jayne Houdyshell in the lead, Nolte has an actress strong enough to pull off the drama and to do magnificent things with the comedy. Henry J. Jordan plays the musclebound Italian truckdriver who wooed Serafina. When the two or non-Italian, Jack Hunter, a mild-mannered, young sailor who falls for Serafina's 15-year-old daughter, Rosa (Shirley Ann Kaladjian).



## Romantic couples

Romance is in the air — onstage in several current productions throughout the Detroit area. (Left) David Turronline and Shirley Kaladjian play leading roles in the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "The Rose Tattoo" by Tennessee Williams, which runs through Sunday, Jan. 25, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information call the box office at 377-3300. (Above, top) Adam Bryant and Nancy Mayans appear in the Birmingham Theatre production of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," continuing through Sunday, Feb. 1.



For ticket information call the box office at 644-3533. (Above) Lynne Kadish is the spirited Rosalind and Charles Kertall is her perplexed suitor, Orlando, in the Hillberry Theatre production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It." The romantic comedy continues through Saturday, March 7, at Wayne State University in Detroit. "As You Like It" plays in repertory with "Amadeus" and, later, "A Delicate Balance." For ticket information, call the box office at 577-2872.

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