Fine performances pair with good play

2). Performances of "Speak No Evil" continue through Sunday, March 13, at Trinity House The-atre in Livonia, For ticket infor-mation, call the box office at 464-6302.

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As Michael, the older brother, and fine performance. His Michael is solder neighbor and, throughout the play, remains an empathetic character, despite the potential for violence which seems to lurk just beneath his attractive, comic surface.

The vivacious and animated Summer Watters is endearing as Janet, here was the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked. The play is briskly paced, with no mechanics properties of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have the feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play and don't have feel of something awkwardly tacked of the play a

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"Speak No Evil," an unpublished play by Susan Brown, is making its debut onstage at Trinity House Theatter in Livonia.

The intense drama is the first play written by Brown, an anonymous Michigan resident who writes under a pseudonym. Let's hope there are many more.

"Speak No Evil" takes an incisive look at a contemporary family dorninated by an alcoholic husband and father, and the ways in which each member of the family is affected by that relationship.

As the play opens, the four grown children — Michael, Janet, Danny and Carol — are gathered together on the day of their father's funeral, joking, bickering, drinking and reminscing about the old days. In the neat but run-down house where they all grow up, they assemble around the TV set and a liquor cabinet.

DIHECTED BY Jeff Hedeen and Lee Peterman, the confident, carrielly rehearsed cast is a joy to watch.

Christopher Rowland, with his pleasant countenance and deft, clownish touch, is just right as Danny, who, as a clumsy child, was often ridiculed by his father and, who, as an adult, often deals with his memories of that time with his won caustle humon aimed at his dead father ("He hould have been hung from the familiest itself, even when he I no rinking."

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stereotypes, neatly divided into good guys and bad guys, and placed on a stage to deliver a "message" about the evils of alcoholism.

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BUT THAT hasn't happened here at all. Brown's characters are wonderfully complex and three-dimensional and, with their life and humanity, are the key-to the success of his promising play.

Fault worth mentlening: a superfluous, oul-of-place conclusion to the final scene. The audience already knows this "presence" exists with all members of the family — that's what the play has been about. Above and beyond that, it simply does not fit here. It may look dramatic, but it seems more like something that's escaped a Stephen King horror film — not something which belongs in this intimate, human drama.

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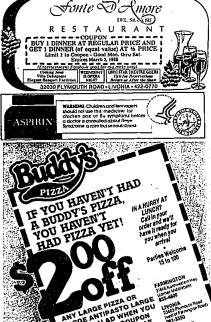
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