

'Remnant' deserves applause.

Performances of the Trinity House Theatre production of "Remnant" continue through Dec. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For ticket information call 464-6302.

Livonia's Trinity House Theatre is currently staging the U.S. premiere of Ron Reed's futuristic drama, "Remnant," in which five inhabitants of a world once decimated by plague gather together on a howling winter's night to celebrate "the resurrection of Christ-Mass."

This is not, shall we say, your usual Christmas story. Canadian playwright Reed has put together a play that is often disturbing, dark, confusing, and bizarre.

It's oddly-named characters talk and act and dress in strange ways, and its raggy, junk-heap of a set is dominated by clamorous graffiti and the remnants of an old, wrecked car. But, in all this — though there's a very little Christmas-tale sentimentality — hope and promise shine through.

Hampered slightly by a second act that feels overlong, and a conclusion that feels a bit unconvincing, "Remnant," as performed by the group at Trinity, is nevertheless a play that reaches out to its audience in a very real sense.



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Much of the credit for this reaching out, of course, belongs with director Sarah Hedeon's disciplined cast. (Undoubtedly, Reed's inverted, "mispronounced" dialogue presented considerable challenge to this group, although they make everything appear close to effortless onstage.)

Dan Zelazny plays the nervously watchful host, Barlow Shurth, with an appealing, energetic edge. (As agile as a tree monkey, he seems to spend half his time literally climbing the walls of the set.) Laura Gurnina is his intensely clairvoyant sister, Anagall Book Th, who arrives for the occasion bearing "gifts" for everybody. A mesmerizing Deborah Garrett plays Kristin Tair Th, a bearded, bawled teller-of-tales.

Mary L. Pettit turns in one of the most interesting performances of the evening as Barlow's excitable helpmate, Wildbee Nuul Th, who often expresses herself (clearly) in a

language without words. Phillip Matorra, dressed like an apparition from a "Mad Max" flick, rounds out the cast and ultimately lends a certain touching dignity to his role as a mysterious intruder called Lon Th.

Set Director Peter Senkbell, Lighting Director Vikki Johnson, Sound Director Fred Scheuk, and Costume Debbie Korastinsky deserve special applause for the fine job they do with peripherals that are absolutely essential to establishing the proper mood for this challenging play.

"Remnant" is performed at Trinity House as theater-in-the-round. Because seats are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, you'd do well to arrive early, since some seats offer better sight lines than others.

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GARY GRACE

Trinity House Theatre's "Remnant," directed by Sarah Hope Hedeon, features Mary L. Pettit (left), Deborah Garrett and Dan Zelazny as plague survivors who gather to celebrate the Christmas of the Old Ones.

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