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Fisher Theatre has 'Tale' to tell

BY ALICE RHEIN CORRESPONDENT

Intermission at opening night of *The Tale of The Allergist's Wife* at the Fisher Theatre had more than a few attendees lean-Wife at the Fisher Theatre and more than new standamore than new attendees leaning into each other to point out the similarities between their cown mother and Frieda (Sondra James), whose obsessive talk about her bowle functions can only be diagnosed as one bud case of verbal diarrhea. Frieda is Marjoric Taubs mother. Think Estelle in The Golden Girls with the unfinited billity to use the F word, speak some Yiddish and sprinkle in cries to "get me Dr. Kevorkian. Marjoric Taub (Valerie Harper, in the roles she recently

Marjorie Taub (Valerie Harper, in the role she recently played on Broadway) is a middle-aged Upper West Side doctor's wife who gives to all the right charities, attends all the right theaters, shops at all the right stores (the Bendel bag is source leab and can quote from your clue) and can quote from the A-list of writers to the intel-ligentsia: Hermann Hesse, Thomas Mann, Spinoza and

No one at intermission seemed to be owning up to knowing anyone - or worse - being like Marjorie, but the stereotype was all too familiar. In the opening scene, we're introduced to Marjorie with a

In the opening scene, we're introduced to Marjorie with bandaged wrist, just released from the teophiad wrist, just an accellant of the teophiad wrist, just an accellant wrist, and the word wrist, just and the word wrist, just and the word wrist, just and the wrist, just

appearance to discuss the clinic he runs for the disadvantaged, But Marjorie has Mohammed

Valerie Harper stars in The Tale of the Allergist's Wife. the doorman, to confide in as the doorman, to confide in as she lounges on her couch. Unlike Carloto the doorman, Harper's foll in her television series Rhoda, Mohammed (Anil Kumar) is both heard and seen. The character actually provides crucial links in the story as it travels from obnovious to outrageous to ordinary. And though Kumar's accrust alips from Middle Eastern (Mohammed is from Iraq'b to Indian, he gives the play some of the slyest comedie moments.

The Tale of the Allergist's Wife was nominated for the Topy Award for Best Play when it opened in 2000, and was originally produced by the Valletter of Tales of the Merchant of the state of the contract of the contract of the contract of the contract of the Carloton of the State of the Carloton of

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Tubs. And when she proposes a liberating idea to them, the hilarity shifts to a deeper level where values and life roles are challenged. As for the sixth character in the play, that would have to be the set designed by Santo Loquats. Dilleld as a "\$900,000 condo," its floor-to-ciling book haden shelves, plush couches and a chandelier that could be the understudy in the Phantom of the Opera, immediately set the mood as a place heavy with knowledgs, yet continually seeking enlightenment.

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In The Tale of the Allergist's
Wife, author Charles Busch,
who also wrote the cleverly
campy Vampine Lesbians of
Sodom, uses literary references
to the point that conversation
seems more like a vehicle to
name-drop Kierkegaard and
Tolstoy than a means to communicate.
Yet he laces it with some of
the funniest uncultured humor

But it's quite another thing to try to pull the Fisher audience into that same level of intimacy. The person who is most able to do that is Jana Robbins, who plays Marjorie's long-lost child-lood friend Lee Green. Perhaps nood friend Lee Green. Fernaps it's because her character, a female version of Woody Allen's Zelig, is already larger-than-life, and capable of reaching her

Yet he laces it with some of the funnist unculured humory out difful his side of Escanabar in da Moonlight.

Spinoza, to name-drop a bit, had something to say about this type of conundrum: 'One and the same thing can at the same thing can at the same thing can at the same the sound the same thing can at the same the lag cod to the melancholy, bad to those who mourn, and neither good nor bad to the deaf.'

The Tale of the Allergist Wife runs through Nov. 24 at the Fisher Theatre, 301 W. Grand Bivd, Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 872-1000 or visit www.licketmaster.com.

tates to the upper balcony and beyond.

She's traveled to China with the Nixons, introduced Princess Di to perils of landmines, gave Spielberg the idea for E.T. and helped chop down the Berlin Wall. Wall.
She's everything Marjorie has
craved intellectually, and helps
her to shed her funk and free
her passions. But Lee is craving

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originally produced by the Manhattan Theatre Club. It's easy to see how a New York audience could swallow up this play, especially in an intimate

tales to the upper balcony and

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Hardware stores, Anderson's on Eight Mile west of Farmington Road.

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- A store that sells Breck shampoo in the gallon size for Edith.

- A store that sells the Clairol Kindness! hot rollers for Karen of Livonia.

– A store that sells Machus Red Fox salad dressing for Carol. -A store that sells men's slacks with a 28-inch waist and 32-inch in-seam for E&

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SPIDERMAN

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and families in the audience yelling Fight back Spiderman! C'mon, you can do it! "They are scrious about their "an facklim"

love for him."
All little boys dream of being a superhero and this role is a child's dream come true, he

said.
"Every kid wants to be
Spiderman. He's witty, fun and

Spiderman. He's witty, fun and positive.
Written for the stage and directed by Kevin Shinick—host of the Emmy-winning PBS series Where in Time is Carmen San Diego?—Spiderman Livel features flying effects by ZFIX Flying Illusions, which also worked on Broadway's Peter Pan and

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Dance of the Vampire. Special effects are by WOW! Works from Brondway's Beauty and the Beast and stunt chrorography by Ottavio Gesmundo from Saturday Night Fewer and Alda Since Spiderman's 1962 debut with Marvel Comics, the superhero is still in the top 10 of action figure sales worldwide and his comic book is read by 2.2 million readers every month.