

'Miss Reardon' Is Captivating

CAST
Catherine Reardon...Louise Martin
Mrs. Penzance...Jeanette Burke
Delivery Boy...Ricardo Castano, Jr.
Cell Adams...Shirley Hulet
Anna Reardon...Alice Fitzpatrick
Pete Smith...Marion Tournadeau
Rob Smith...Lee O'Connell

By LORRAINE McCLISH

The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford has a superb seven-member cast, outstanding direction, and a bit of a funny, thought-provoking play going for them with its current production, "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little."

The play opened this weekend in the intimate little theater on Beech-Daily Rd. and sent a captivated audience away wondering just how does one go about maintaining his wits with all the in-

anities and insanities that surround him.

Miss Reardon does it, sometimes by joining into the madness and sometimes by drinking a little to dull the rough edges she is forced to meet head on.

Catherine Reardon is one of three sisters raised by a puritanical mother who laid down a strict moral code that left different tragic scars on each of her schoolteacher daughters.

Ceil has taken "so many education courses she has euphemism of the brain," and Anna is about to be committed to an institution on the morals charge involving a young student.

The sham and the pretense of Everyman are both subtle and biting in the Paul Zindel

Amusements

play which enjoyed a long standing success on Broadway. There is the guidance counselor who stocks her bathroom with supplies stolen from the Board of Education; the dentist with three different wigs who comments to his patient that he must remember to get a haircut; and of course Anna, obsessed with death, living in the past, a vegetarian and an animal lover, cursing the world for its faults while covering up her own problem.

Even Catherine is not without pretense. She condemns "others not as duped as I" while using some of the saltiest language ever heard from a community theater stage.

But we survive, one of the sisters says, because "You begin to forget and then you remember your own special way of living."

Ron Outakowski directs "Miss Reardon" with an A-1 cast, to the man. Tickets are

\$2.75 for Fridays and Sundays; \$3 for Saturdays; and money and time well spent.

The play continues Dec. 7-9 and 14-15.

Reserved seats are available by contacting Pam Nelson, 30742 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, or Lynne Nagy, 9061 Hazelton, Detroit.

Yule Concerts Scheduled

The first in a series of Christmas concerts by the Livonia Civic Chorus will be held Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 and 8 p.m. in Westland shopping center, Wayne at Warren.

Other concerts are scheduled for Dec. 13, at 7:45 p.m. in Presbyterian Village, 23300 W. Six Mile, Redford; Sunday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. in Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford; Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia; and Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 9 p.m. in Daniel Lord Knights of Columbus, 39050 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Jack Will Travel A Different Beanstalk

A terrible ogre will be chasing Jack down the magic beanstalk in the Henry Ford Museum Theater during the Christmas season when the Greenfield Village Players present a new version of the childhood tale.

A holiday version of "Jack and the Beanstalk," will be performed at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 15-16 and 22-23. Performances at 2 and 7:30 p.m. are

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