

'Hamlet' opens at Hilberry

The Hilberry Theater's new production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," officially opens Thursday, Feb. 14 at 8:30 p.m. following preview performances Feb. 7-9.

"Hamlet," which has been Shakespeare's most popular play in the theater, probably first was produced about 1600. Since then, the role of Hamlet has been played by nearly every tragedian, including some women and children.

In the Hilberry production, Hamlet will be played by Michael Santo, now in his second year with the company. He previously has been seen

as D'Artagnan in "The Three Musketeers," Trofimov in "The Cherry Orchard," Mercutio in "Romeo and Juliet," Sir Politic Would-Be in "Volpone," Reverend John Hale in "The Crucible" and the actor Almay in "The Play's the Thing."

Other principal roles are played by Cris Becker (Ophelia), Harper Jane McAdoo (Gertrude), Michael Ruud (Claudius), James Kisicki (Polonius) and Mark Pint (Laertes).

The production is directed by Richard Spear. Scenic design is by James Knight, costumes by Daniel Thomas



Field and lighting by Gary M. Witt. The Players' scenes were prepared by Maryellen Clemons.

"Hamlet" will alternate in the repertory with "Julius Caesar" and "The Crucible" until March 14 when these plays will be joined by Peter Barnes' "The Ruling Class," Moliere's "Tartuffe," scheduled for late April and May,

will be the last production to open this season.

Ticket and schedule information are available from the theater box office, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. Tickets at the regular box office price also available through Hudson's, WSU Center ticket office, Highland Park Book Store and the Oakland University Ticket Service.



MISCHA MISCHAKOFF, violinist, will be the guest soloist with the Oakway Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. in Southfield-Lathrup High School, 12 Mile and Evergreen. Tickets are available at Hudson's, Grinnell's and Hammell Music and also will be sold at the door. There are special prices for students and senior citizens.

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