



Scott Maitland and Patricia Oliveri repeat their roles in 'Little Mary Sunshine'



Kate Marshall as Elmire, Al Hamacher as Orgon and James Kisicki as Tartuffe

3 favorite shows open season

Three past productions — held over by popular demand — will reopen at the Hilberry Theatre prior to the opening of the new season in November.

The Hilberry's graduate repertory company production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," which played four months of matinees and evening performances last season, will reopen Oct. 9, at 2:30 p.m. to start the current school matinee season.

Moliere's "Tartuffe," which the repertory company first presented last April, opens the evening performance season Oct. 18, at 8:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, downstairs in the Studio Theatre, the Summer Festival production of the musical "Little Mary Sunshine" begins again Friday at 8:30 p.m.

"HAMLET," which was described as a "sleek staging" and a "head-to-head action story" by

Lawrence DeVine of the Free Press and as "admirably straightforward" by Jay Carr of the News, brings back James Kisicki as Polonius, Harper Jane McAdoo as Gertrude and Mark Pint as Laertes. Richard Spear is the director.

New company members in major roles will be: John Michael Hosking, who comes from Montana State University, as Hamlet, Ralph Pochoda from Harvard University as Claudius, and Jan Lewis from Carnegie-Mellon University as Ophelia. Also appearing as Hamlet during the season will be returning actor Wayne S. Turney.

"Hamlet" continues in the matinee repertory through February.

In "Tartuffe," which played to near-capacity houses last spring and was booked for two special performances in addition to the regular run, James Kisicki, Al Hamacher and Kate Marshall re-

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'Midsummer' set for opening play

The Theatre of the University of Detroit (Marygrove College) opens its fourth season with William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Dominic Missimi will direct this enchanting tale of love, fantasy, and confusion, which begins Friday and will play for three consecutive weekends: Oct. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 18, 19, 20.

Curtain time for all Friday and Saturday performances is 8:30 p.m. Sunday evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the final Sunday performance, which will be a 2 p.m. matinee.

All performances will be held in The Theatre on the Marygrove College campus, McNichols Road at Wyoming.

marriages and a whirl of fairy dust.

FEATURED in the cast is David Regal, performing arts faculty member, appearing as Bottom. Lead roles are held by students including Susan Yves Cook of Birmingham, as Helena.

Tickets for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are regular price and less for students and senior citizens with ID. Season tickets and group rates are available.

For reservations and further information call the box office at 341-1838.

DIRECTOR Missimi has won critical acclaim for his unique and colorful stagings of "The Wizard of Oz," "The Horse," and "The Comedy of Errors," and he again employs his visual creativity in "Midsummer."

Timothy Dewart (guest artist-in-residence) and Timothy Beatty (technical director), with costumiere Nancy Missimi, team with Missimi to create a late 18th century setting for "Midsummer": civilization is bestowed with a jewel-like quality (complete with powdered wigs, voluminous hoop skirts and gilded bird cages), while the eerie, yet inviting, woodland kingdom is a mass of tangled vines and misshapen trees.

One of Shakespeare's most well-known comedies, "Midsummer" begins with, not the eternal triangle, but a rectangle of lovers.

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