

'The Theatre' sets play schedule

"The Theatre" has scheduled its sixth season of plays in the Marygrove College campus facility. The 1976-77 season, which runs from October through next May, includes three contemporary offerings, two modern classics, and a Shakespearean comedy.

"The Boys in the Band" by Mart Croydon opens the season Oct. 1. Set at an all-male birthday party, this contemporary American adult drama is directed by David Regal (Dates: Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 16, 17).

Bertolt Brecht's classic musical, "The Three Penny Opera," will be directed by Dominic Masi in November. The Brecht-Weill score includes the famous "Mark the Knife" (Dates: Nov. 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21).

"A Cry of Players" is based loosely on the life of the young William Shakespeare. It was originally produced at Lincoln Center with Anne Bancroft and Frank Langella. This December offering will be directed by Arthur Beer (Dates: Dec. 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19).

Tennessee Williams' classic American drama, "A Streetcar Named Desire," will feature David Regal as Stanley Kowalski and a Guest Director to be announced (Dates: Jan. 28, 29, 30; Feb. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13).

John Gassner's "House of Blue Leaves," is a very black comedy set around the Pope's visit to New York. This 1971 Obie Award winner will be directed by David Regal and will feature a Guest Actor to be announced (Dates: March 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20).

The season at "The Theatre" will close with the Shakespearean comedy, "Taming of the Shrew," a witty and tempestuous battle of the sexes directed by Arthur Beer (Dates: April 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, May 1).

Season ticket reservations are now being accepted by mail. Season ticket prices are \$17.50 each. Curtain times are: First, Second and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, please call the Performing Arts Box Office at 341-1838.

Genesis 1' to perform

The University of Michigan Dearborn improvisation troupe, Genesis 1, will perform Sept. 17-18 at 8 p.m. in room 119 of the Engineering Laboratory Building. Admission is charged.

The improvisation troupe, under the direction of Dr. Susan Flett of theater arts design, will perform two new skits. First and Second, one on the theme as well as favorites including "Love, Wolf, Hubbing," "Unintended Actions," and "Why What & Where." An improvisational theater the audience suggests most of the scenes performed by the actors.

Among members of Genesis 1 is Jan Bonita of Southfield.



A theatrical next

Playing the role of Marion in Terrence McNally's comic play "Next" is Jim Thompson of Birmingham, posing as Lyn Rosen of Farmington writes what's next on her script. Ms. Rosen is a member of the Summer Directing Seminar at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater in Bloomfield Hills. "Next" will open Friday at Late Night Theatre at 10 p.m. at Will-O-Way. It will be coupled with Pulitzer Prize winning Paul Zindel's "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" under the direction of Celia Merrill Turner. Performances will continue Friday and Saturday.

Tea slated by players

The Birmingham AAUW Children's Theater will hold a membership tea at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the home of Dee Dee Baldwin, 704 Robinhood Circle, Bloomfield Hills. Board members will be hostesses for the event.

The group will present two plays in the 1976-77 season. The first performance, "The Elves and the Shoemaker," will be at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, as part of the Community House Children's Show series.

Sponsored by the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women, the Children's Theater is beginning its 32nd year of activity. All proceeds from the group's productions go toward educational scholarships for teachers.

In the spring, the players will present "Greensleeves" at Groves Auditorium. Any woman interested in performing for children is welcome to attend the membership tea. For information phone Mrs. Baldwin at 645-5558.

Curtain time

"Godspell" musical unfolding the gospel according to St. Matthew at 8:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and Sept. 17-19 and 24-26 in Oakland University Barn Theatre on campus near Rochester. Information by calling 377-2245.

Bloomfield Hills. For reservations phone 644-4418.

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" by Pulitzer Prize winning Paul Zindel, plus "Next" by Terrence McNally at Late Night Theatre at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre, 775 W. Long Lake Road.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" musical comedy at cocktail theater in the round in Pontiac; Bloomfield Sheraton opens Friday at 1001 Woodward. Pontiac Performances continue each Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. Drinks served in the theater. Dinners available in the Chateau Louis Restaurant. Reservations by calling 334-1311.

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