

'School for wives' at Meadow Brook



Elizabeth Horowitz and Fred Thompson are lovers in "The School for Wives."

Productions on female

Their strong, many states of the female mind will be the focus of two productions at Meadow Brook Theatre Company of Ann Arbor on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. The University of Michigan Theatre Company presents "The School for Wives" by Moliere. The play is a collection of experimental and improvisational pieces developed or adapted by the company. The pieces were written by company members while others are original adaptations of works by contemporary writers such as Rita Mae Brown, Alan Alda and Judy Graham. The free performances will take place at 8 p.m. in the Engineering Laboratory Building on the U-M Dearborn campus. They are sponsored by U-M's Cultural Events Committee. Each performance will be followed by a discussion session.

One of Moliere's most famous and timeless comedies, "The School for Wives" will begin a four-week run at the Meadow Brook Theatre on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

The plot of "The School for Wives" concerns a middle-aged man who has had his young ward raised in a convent so that she will be suitably obedient and guileless to his wife. Ignorant of her guardian's marital intentions, she meets and immediately falls in love with a handsome suitor, who is the son of the guardian's best friend.

Immensely the young suitor confides in the older man of his new love. In order to thwart the young lovers, the guardian must keep silent and disguise his jealous rage, so that he will be kept informed of their secret trysts and stop them.

Donald Ewer, returns to Meadow Brook as the jealous guardian, Ar-

nolphe. His ward, Agnes, will be played by Elizabeth Horowitz, who was Anne Whitefield in "Man and Superman." MEADOW BROOK regular Fred Thompson will appear as the young lover, Horace. Arnolphe's servants will be played by Cheryl Giovanni and Dan C. Bar. Others in the cast include Carl Schurr, William Halliday, Richard Hilger and James Winkler.

This version of "The School for Wives" is the English translation by Richard Wilbur. The production will be directed by Terence Kilburn with sets by Peter Hicke, costumes executed by Mary Lynn Bonnell and lighting by Fred Penner.

Opening week performances for "The School for Wives" are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The following three weeks will offer performances at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, 6 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Wednesday matinees begin at 2 p.m. There will be a preview performance Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. The theater is dark Mondays.

Tickets for all performances may be purchased at Hudson's or by calling the

Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 377-1300. The Meadow Brook Theatre, Michigan's resident, professional stage, is a member of the League of Regional Theatres.

Jazz group will play

The Brookside Jazz Ensemble, known for its contemporary big band sound, will appear at Nova High School at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The ensemble will be presented by the Nova Foundation for the Performing Arts. Tickets will be available at the door in the high school, Tall Road between Grand Road and Ten Mile.

The jazz band, which consists of 21 professional musicians, will perform selections by Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton, Bud Powell, Woody Herman, Bud Jones and others, as well as original compositions done for the band by various arrangers including the ensemble's music director, Craig Shum.

Several performances are scheduled for this band. The ensemble has performed each summer at the Pontiac Fairgrounds in a jazz series known as "Jazz at the Fair." The ensemble's repertoire includes the music of Duke Ellington and other jazz legends.

The group also plays four times a week at Clubhouse Academy. These concerts

like the Brookside concerts are held at the Clubhouse Academy. The band is directed by co-founders Art Newman III and Norman Newman. Plans for the future are being discussed while Strain takes care of the musical aspects such as rehearsing, writing charts and finding the band as well as playing trumpet and flugelhorn.

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