



**MOON RISE** -- Members of the Young Dancers Guild of Detroit's Jewish Community Center rehearse an original dance for dance, flute and poetry. The composition will be presented in concerts Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 in the Center. From left, are: Wendy Steadman; Eve Eisenstadt of Farmington; Lori Verier and Joshua Schreier.

## 'Criminals' Opens Season

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

ANN ARBOR  
The Phoenix Theatre opened a Michigan season under the auspices of the University of Michigan's Professional Theatre Program Monday night with a production of Jose Triana's controversial play, "The Criminals."

To call Triana's play controversial is something of an understatement. It's weird.

The characters are a brother and two sisters, and the action is set in an attic room of the family house. During the two acts, the trio engage in a game of fantasy.

**WHAT'S THE FANTASY?**  
It's the acting out of the trio's aggressions against their parents with the dream conclusion of murder followed by a trial complete with the defendant's plea to the jury.

The trio believe that they must kill their parents in order to live. All they want is a chance to try to work things out in their own way.

**WHAT MAKES** the play interesting and palatable as theatrical fare is the interplay between the brother and sisters.

**THE CRIMINALS** by Jose Triana and adapted by Adrian Mitchell. Phoenix Theatre Company under the auspices of the University of Michigan Professional Theatre Program. Directed by David Wheeler with scenery and lighting by James Tilton and costumes by Nancy Potts. Curtain 8 p.m. in the Lytle Mendelsohn Theatre through Jan. 31.

**CAST**  
Lela.....Berry Primus  
Rube.....Penelope Allen  
Owe.....Udo Selman

Each one of the three wavers between love and hate of their parents and their game. The wavering doesn't stop them from following through with their game and even planning that someday they will play it "with nothing going wrong."

Director David Wheeler has staged a fast-paced production with the entire time from opening curtain to the cast curtain calls running less than an hour and a half.

We doubt seriously that any audience could sit still for any longer production of this particular vehicle.

"THE CRIMINALS" would be an absolute disaster if the actors were weak.

Next week the Phoenix Company opens its final production of the Ann Arbor season with Helen Hayes and James Stewart in a revival of the comedy, "Harvey."

## Livonia-Redford Guild Announces Drama Cast

A Tennessee Williams drama of a young lady's search for love, "Summer and Smoke" is the upcoming production of the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild.

Opening night is Thursday, Feb. 12, in Livonia's Bentley High School. Additional performances are scheduled Feb. 13 and 14.

Tickets for the production may be obtained by contacting Mary O'Connell at 421-1972.

Richard T. Theide is director for the production.

Beverly Childress has been cast as Alma Winemiller, the young girl, while Larry Lawrence appears as Dr. John Buchanan Jr., the young man whom Alma loves.

Other cast members are: Blaine Jenkins as Rev. Winemiller; Marion Tournand as Mrs. Winemiller; Edith Chirpka as Rosa Gonzales; Sue Tudoroff as Nellie Ewell; Hamilton Aldridge Jr. as Roger Doremus; and Al LaCroix as Dr. John Buchanan Sr.

Also appearing in the cast are: Shirley Hulet as Mrs. Bassett; John Dawson as Vernon; Elissa Ray as Rosemary; Brian Burkhardt as Dusty; Ernie Aijomay as Gonzales; and Bill Milan as Archie Kramer.

## Apollo 11 Plaque Now At Museum

The flag that went to the moon with the Apollo 11 flight and moon chips are on display in the Detroit Historical Museum through Feb. 18.

It is a miniature flag of all 50 states which has been mounted on a plaque and presented to Gov. Milliken for the people of the state by President Nixon.

A significant feature of this plaque is black chips from the moon's surface, picked up by Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, which are imbedded in a plastic capsule. The small pieces are fragments of crystalline rock, breccia and glass which were sieved from the dusty lunar soil.

Study of samples of these has shown that the composition of this part of the moon is much different from most parts of the earth's surface.



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