

2 productions opening at Midnight Theatre

The Midnight Studio production of "Suppressed Desires" by Susan Glaspell and "The Stronger" by August Strindberg will open April 24 at the Fourth Street Playhouse in Royal Oak.

Performances continue at midnight Fridays-Saturdays through May 16.

"Suppressed Desires" was first produced in 1922 at the New Playwrights Theatre in New York. It is a short comedy about a young woman's obsession with psychoanalysis and the impact of that obsession on her life and the lives of her husband and her sister.

Glaspell was one of the first American playwrights to write about issues and events affecting women. The production is directed by Cheryl Lemans.

"The Stronger" was written in 1889 when Strindberg was still writing plays for Antoine's Theatre Libre and hoping to form an experimental theater of his own in Stockholm.

This project was not realized until 1907 when "The Stronger," a monologue, had its premiere production. Since then, it has been performed often and in many countries. The production is directed by Jim Zink.

Tickets at \$3 are available at the Fourth Street Playhouse, 301 W. Fourth, in downtown Royal Oak, telephone 543-3666. The box office is open from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and beginning at 6 p.m. on all performance evenings.

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The brunch, served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is \$8.75 for adults; \$4.50 for children age 4-11, and no charge for cribbers age 3 and under. Cocktails, priced separately, are available after noon.

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