

Mercy stages 'Miracle Worker'

THEIR STRUGGLE captured the imagination of a nation, inspired an autobiography and eventually was transferred to the stage as "The Miracle Worker."

The Mercy High School drama department will present the story of Anne Sullivan and her student, the deaf and blind girl Helen Keller, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. All performances will be held in Mercy High School's auditorium, 11 Mills and Middlebelt Roads, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling the high school, 478-8020.

The cast is drawn from surrounding schools. Two Mercy students handle the lead roles. Jenny Sears, a ninth grader, will be seen in the role of Helen Keller. Katie Steinbacher, a senior, portrays Anne Sullivan. The play is directed by Kathleen Sill with her husband, Ronald, as a technical director. Both are teachers in the drama and speech department at Mercy High.



Helen's joyful parents discover she understands words "spelled" into her hand. Greg Teitner, a student at Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge, plays Helen's father, Captain Keller. Paula

Abowd (right), a Mercy High School senior, portrays her mother, Kate Koller. Helen (center) is played by Mercy ninth grader Jenny Boars.



Teaching her charge, Helen Keller (Jenny Boars), to associate the word "water" with the substance, Anne Sullivan (Katie Steinbacher) pours water over Helen's hand while "spelling" the word into her hand.

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