

# 'Love Changes Everything' in musical

Performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Aspects of Love" continue through Oct. 25 at the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts in Livonia. For ticket information call 1-800-589-8000, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends.

"Life goes on, love goes free," and in between "Love Changes Everything" for the characters in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Aspects of Love," now playing at the new George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts in Livonia.

"Aspects of Love" is steamy and sensual. Leave the kids at home.

Directed by Robin Phillips, and based on David Garnett's 1955 novella by the same name, "As-



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pects of Love" is about all different kinds of love — between a younger man and older woman; between an older man and younger woman; between two women; between a father and his daughter, and two cousins.

What makes the play so hard to follow is that the characters weave in and out of a complicated fabric of love.

And, in the confusion is the style of this play — there is little dialogue, most of it is sung.

Gauzy ceiling-high sheers, help create a dreamlike, innovative setting. This soap-opera like drama unfolds over 17 years from about 1947 to 1963 in various European cities.

Alex Dillingham, (Ron Bohmer) a young Englishman with boyish good looks, is in love with an older woman, French actress Rose Vibert, (Linda Bulgard), a striking beauty who has yet to "make it."

"Seeing you on stage has

changed my life," he tells her, "Can I make a bold suggestion? Come away with me. I have a villa, you won't believe the view."

She goes and discovers the villa doesn't belong to Alex, but to his uncle George Dillingham, (Barrie Ingham).

George, a painter who copies the masters, learns of his nephew's affair, and leaves his mistress Giulietta Trapani, (Kelli James Chase), a lusty Italian sculptress to look on him.

The three meet, and as luck would have it, Rose receives a telegram (she sends to herself) and tells Alex she must return to the stage. Love-struck Alex says the noble thing — "You can't put me before your career, you can't let feelings interfere, you must go."

Alex joins the army, and Rose moves in with Uncle George.

Does this mean that George has called off his romance with Giulietta? No, in fact Rose and Gi-

ulietta get along very well, and even kiss before leaving off stage with George.

It gets better. Alex finds out about Rose and his uncle. He wants to kill her. He shoots, and grazes Rose's arm. Shortly after, Rose convinces George to marry her.

Do they live happily ever after? Not quite. Rose finds another lover, and Giulietta is still in the picture. Rose and George have a child, Jenny, who falls in love with Alex, much to her parent's chagrin.

We see two Jenny's in "Aspects of Love," a younger Jenny played by Marjorie Hendrick and an older one played by Lori Alter. Both are sweet, and innocent.

If you liked "Phantom of the Opera," you'll like "Aspects of Love," the music is similar, the plot juicy, and you'll leave the theater humming "Love Changes Everything."

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