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MBT offers free alternative entertainment

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Meadow Brook Theatre (MBT) is known for providing high-quality, high-energy entertainment for art enthusiasts of all ages. Now the theatre is offering an adjunct series on Monday evenings that is alternative, eclectic, and best of all – free.

The “Edge of Brook” series debuted in September with a performance by a Detroit band called the Fozzys. On Nov. 3, the BoarsHead Professional Theatre in Lansing performed “An Adult Evening with Shel Silverstein,” a series of 10 short plays adapted from the avant-garde writer’s poetry. Future performances include an evening of scenes directed by students from the **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** on Dec. 8; alternative music performances by MBT staff on Dec. 17; and other musical and performance art pieces to be scheduled. Theatre management also hope to schedule several film screenings for “Edge of Brook” evenings sometime next year. All performances are free, however, donations are accepted at the door.

“The series provides alternative entertainment for the entire community,” said John Manfredi, MBT managing director. “Several years ago there was a series called ‘Sunday Night Jams’ that was very impromptu and informal, and we wanted to resurrect that but in a more structured way. We want the theatre to become more a part of campus life. It’s not the usual Meadow Brook Theatre fare, but we think the students will continue to enjoy it.”

For more information on the “Edge of Brook” series and MBT performances, including the upcoming holiday classic “A Christmas Carol,” visit the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site or call the theatre box office at (248) 377-3300. Box office hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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