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## 'Talking With' comes to Meadow Brook Theatre

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"'Talking With' is a powerful play that shines a light on many issues that are relevant for not only women but society in general," said John Manfredi, managing director of **Meadow Brook Theatre**. "Using both humor and drama, Jane Martin gives us a keen insight into the lives of some extraordinary individuals while continuing to entertain. Talking With is sure to delight our audiences."

The play, staged by award-winning Director and Meadow Brook Theatre Artistic Director David Regal, features a stellar cast of Detroit's finest actresses, including Jennifer Jones, Kate Willinger, Mary Bremer and the return of Meadow Brook favorite Mary Benson as "French Fries."

Last performed in Detroit in 1984, also directed by David Regal, "Talking With" was awarded Best Play and Best Director honors from the "Detroit Free Press" and was voted Play of the Decade by the Detroit Almanac.

Preview performances begin Wednesday, March 17, and the show runs through Sunday, April 11. For more information and show times, visit the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site or call the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377-3300. Tickets are available at the box office or through **Ticketmaster** outlets with prices as low as \$26. Senior, student and group discounts are available.

### SUMMARY

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