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# 'Pump Boys and Dinettes' opens MBT season

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**Meadow Brook Theatre**, located on the campus of Oakland University, opens its 36th season on Wednesday, September 12, with the foot-stomping, feel-good musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes."

The performance, which runs through October 7, features loads of laughs and 20 songs, including "The Night Dolly Parton was Almost Mine" and "Be Good or Be Gone." The musical itself tells the tale of a night at the Double Cupp Diner, when waitresses serve up coffee, grits and romance to the young men from the gas station across Highway 57.

Written by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann, "Pump Boys and Dinettes" first opened off-Broadway at New York's Westside Arts Theatre in 1981. The show was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Musical in 1982, and later ran for 245 weeks at Chicago's Apollo Theatre Center. NBC aired a television adaptation in 1983.

To purchase tickets for "Pump Boys and Dinettes," call the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at (248) 370-3300. Group tickets are available by calling (248) 370-3316. Subscriptions for six shows (not including "A Christmas Carol") start at \$99 and are available. Flex Tix, group tickets and discounted student subscriptions also are available. For more information, visit the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site.

## SUMMARY

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre begins its 2001-2002 season on Wednesday, September 12 with the musical 'Pump Boys and Dinettes.'

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