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Black-tie event to raise funds for theatre

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Step back in time at Meadow Brook Theatre’s speakeasy – a black-tie fund-raising gala and silent auction Saturday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at **Meadow Brook Hall**.

“We’re raising funds for Meadow Brook Theatre and celebrating that we saved the theatre,” said John Manfredi, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre. “The need for corporate and private funding has never been greater. State and federal spending for the arts has been slashed over the last few years.”

The evening will feature dinner, drinks, an award-winning cabaret and keynote speaker U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

“We are so excited to have Senator Stabenow with us. She’s an arts supporter,” Manfredi said.

The silent auction includes items such as a Piston’s suite, airline tickets, golf lessons and sports memorabilia.

Meadow Brook Theatre is Michigan’s largest regional nonprofit theatre.

For more information on the Speakeasy Fund-Raising Gala, call (248) 370-4991 or register online at the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site. Tickets are \$250 per couple or \$150 each.

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