

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

Meadow Brook Estate vocal group to perform

Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** presents musical theatre and vocal ensemble Meadow Brook Estate in concert Jan. 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

The Meadow Brook Estate features student performers from Oakland University. Selections for the evening include musical theatre favorites that explore tumultuous relationships in big city settings like New York and Chicago. Songs for the program include "You're Nothing Without Me," "You Could Drive a Person Crazy," "New York, New York" and "There's No Business Like Show Business."

Student performers in Meadow Brook Estate include Jason Beaubien (Oak Park), Phill Harmer (Rochester Hills), Lee Huff (Waterford), Ann K. MacDonald (Harper Woods), Courtney Presley (Oxford), Amy Thompson (Howell), Crystal Wish Webster (West Bloomfield) and Heather Yanke (Berkely).

Directing the group are OU faculty members Thomas M. Suda (staging) Gregory Patterson (choreography) and James Wells (musical direction). Suda became a full-time OU faculty member in 2002. He is a Detroit-area professional actor who has appeared in many plays and commercials. Patterson is a professional dancer and has been on OU's full-time faculty since 1991. Wells, a professional musician, joined OU's full-time faculty in 2000 and serves as musical director for musical theatre and opera productions.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and OU employees, and \$6 for students. For more information or for reservations, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013.

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