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Modern art explored at MBAG and MBT

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Meadow Brook Art Gallery is presenting "Passage, Inference and Surface: Paintings by Wendy Roberts and Nolan Simon" Oct. 16-Nov. 14.

The modern exhibit complements the Tony Award-winning play "Art," running concurrently at **Meadow Brook Theatre**. The comedy is about three men and what happens when one of them buys an expensive abstract painting.

A joint opening reception, featuring a light dinner, is Saturday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. prior to the 8 p.m. performance of "Art." An afterglow follows the show in the gallery where dessert will be served.

Dick Goody, director of Meadow Brook Art Gallery, approached John Manfredi, executive director of the Meadow Brook Theatre, with the idea to present the play.

"I thought it'd be interesting to do an exhibition in conjunction featuring similar work," Goody said. "People can see the play and experience the art that's in the play viscerally in the gallery."

Roberts will present a lecture Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m., and Simon will lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 4:30 p.m.

Vouchers for a 20-percent discount on "Art" tickets are available at MBAG. Students can get same-day tickets for the play for \$7.50.

"Art" runs at Meadow Brook Theatre Oct. 13-Nov. 7. For more information or to order tickets, call the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377-3300.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The gallery also is open evenings during Meadow Brook Theatre performances. All exhibits are free.

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