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Driving Miss Daisy at Meadow Brook Theatre

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"The cast includes an amazing group of multiple-award winning actors including James Bowen, Henrietta Hermelin and Paul Hopper," said John Manfredi, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre and play director. "They have won enough awards for their work that they could wallpaper my office, and all three are very well known to Meadow Brook audiences."

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture is partnering with MBT for the first time to present the play, celebrating 350 years of Jewish life in America. "Celebrate 350" is a yearlong celebration encompassing theatre, film, music and art.

"It's an important recognition of diversity and pluralism in a time in our nation's history when the issues of tolerance and ethnicity are very prevalent," Manfredi said.

Meadow Brook Theatre subscriptions are still available for the season. Subscribers can save more than 20 percent on tickets and get preferred seating.

For more information about MBT subscriptions or to order tickets, call the Meadow Brook Box Office at (248) 377-3300. For more information about the theatre, visit the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site

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