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'Golf: The Musical' swings into Meadow Brook Theatre

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"Golf: The Musical" is swinging into **Meadow Brook Theatre** with a production that explores the world of golf in song and comic sketches.

"You don't have to love golf to love 'Golf: The Musical,'" said John Manfredi, managing director of the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble. "The show is filled with some very good music and hilarious vignettes that appeal to the golf lover, the golf hater, the golf widow or really just anyone who has ever been involved in a relationship with someone who has a passion for something."

The performance features Tony-award nominee Joel Blum and is running Wednesday, Aug. 25, through Sunday, Sept. 19. The show is sandwiched between two popular golf events taking place in Michigan — the Buick Open and the Ryder Cup. **Oakland University's Golf and Learning Center** is hosting the Ryder Cup Champions Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 16. The actual Ryder Cup takes place Sept. 14-19 at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township. The Buick Open was July 26-Aug. 1 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc.

"The show will appeal to not only our patrons and local golf enthusiasts but to some of the millions of folks coming to town for these two big golf events," Manfredi said. "It's a great chance for people to come to the theatre and the university that might not otherwise pay us a visit."

Two special events are being held in conjunction with "Golf: The Musical."

The Michigan Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and Meadow Brook Theatre are teaming up to offer theatergoers a chance to see the 2004 Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills Country Club. The Arthritis Foundation will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win two tickets to the Ryder Cup. Raffle tickets will be available at the theatre before performances and at intermission Wednesday, Aug. 26, through Sunday, Aug. 29. All proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Arthritis Foundation.

Through a special partnership with Oakland University's Katke-Cousins Golf Course, ticket holders to "Golf: The Musical" will be granted special access to the course, usually limited to Oakland University alumni, students, faculty and staff.

For more information about this special offer, show times or to order tickets for "Golf: The Musical," call the **Meadow Brook Theatre** box office at (248) 377-3300. Tickets are available at the box office or through **Ticketmaster** outlets with prices as low as \$26. Senior, student and group discounts available.

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