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MBT's young playwrights winners announced

Meadow Brook Theatre (MBT) recently announced the winners of its Young Playwrights Competition, in which a record number of entries were received.

The Young Playwrights Competition is an annual event at Meadow Brook Theatre, Michigan's largest professional theatre company. Submissions for the 2001-2002 competition numbered 323 plays, up from 20 entries last season.

Each year Michigan students under the age of 19 participate in the competition. All entries must be original scripts. Subject matter, style and form are at the playwright's discretion.

This year, five adjudicators read and evaluated each play, with the authors of the top three plays receiving cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

Mimi Jeffries of Rochester Hills received first place honors for her work, "A Tear Drop from Jupiter." The winning play was recognized before the opening night performance of MBT's production of "Godspell" on April 27. The play also will have a reading at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at MBT. The reading, which is free and open to the public, will be directed by MBT's Nancy Rominger. Jeffries has taken honors in the competition for two years. She also completed a high school theater internship with MBT.

Information on next year's competition will be available on the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site.

THE 2001-2002 WINNERS ARE:

- **First Place:** "A Tear Drop from Jupiter" by Mimi Jeffries (Rochester Hills)

- **Second Place:** (Tie, with each play receiving a second place prize)
 - "It's All Her Fault" by Kimberly Bobier (Clarkston), Sarah Lavoie(Ortonville) and Trisha Peters (Clarkston)

 - "In a Nutshell" by Jessica Gdowski (Dearborn Heights)

- **Third Place:** (Tie with each play receiving a third place prize)
 - "The Trio's Journey" by Sajel Tremblay(Waterford)

 - "Romeo and Juliet in the After-Life" by Rachel Morasse (Rochester Hills)

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