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## Theatre announces 2003-04 season schedule

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When Oakland University's **Meadow Brook Theatre** (MBT) opens its doors for the 2003-04 season, audiences of all ages will have a variety of performances to choose from, including the perennial holiday favorite "A Christmas Carol."

The season begins Wednesday, Oct. 15, with the dramatic comedy, "The Gravity of Honey." Season subscriptions are now available. Individual tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m.

"Season subscription sales are going very well and contributions are way up over where they were at this point last year," said Christy Fogarty, representative of the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble, a nonprofit group that is now managing the theatre's productions. "The transition is going smoothly. There's a lot of work, and many new people are learning about the administrative side of running a theatre."

One addition this season will be a fringe series in which OU students will have the theatre available to them one night per week for stage readings. Student internships will be reinstated, and a new Web site will be launched by the end of August. The main thing that won't change is the quality of MBT productions, Fogarty said.

"We want our theatergoers to see the same quality performances that they've come to expect from Meadow Brook Theatre," she said. "We expect that our patrons will continue to have a very entertaining experience."

Subscriptions for the 2003-2004 season start at \$89 each and are available by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at (248) 377-3300.

### 2003-2004 PERFORMANCES

#### **"The Gravity of Honey" Oct. 15-Nov. 9**

This two-character dramatic comedy concerns a priest in a dying New York parish and a third-rate nightclub singer named Honey whose sudden demonstrations of extraordinary genius may be divinely inspired. The play focuses on the effect the two have on each other's lives.

#### **"A Christmas Carol" Nov. 28-Dec. 21**

Audiences will experience the true meaning of Christmas in this adaptation of the classic Charles Dickens' story as Ebenezer Scrooge encounters the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future.

#### **"Greater Tuna" Jan. 7-Feb. 1**

In this comedy about Texas' third smallest town, the eclectic band of citizens are portrayed by only two performers, making this satire on life in rural America even more delightful as they depict all of the inhabitants of Tuna – men, women, children and even animals.

#### **"Of Mice and Men" Feb. 11-March 7**

John Steinbeck's classic novel depicts the struggle to exist in a jobless America. George and his side-kick Lenny find their friendship is tested to the limit. This touching story has made an indelible impression on all who have seen it.

#### **"Talking With" March 17-April 11**

This quirky and bizarre dramatic comedy offers five-minute vignettes of women whose eccentricities are exceeded only by their ability to cope. From actresses to rodeo riders, snake handlers to housewives, audiences will not soon forget these women.

#### **"The Fantasticks" April 21-May 16**

Audiences will experience the magic and heartache of young romance in this musical, the longest-running show in the history of American theatre. The simple tale depicts a funny and touching story of innocence – and knowledge. Its ingredients are simple: a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall. Since its 1959 introduction, the musical has had more than 10,000 productions throughout the world.

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