



Friday, February 1, 2002

OU presents Michigan premiere of new play

The **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** is pleased to present the Michigan premiere of "Neither Have I Wings to Fly" by Ann Noble.

The play tells the story of a 1950's Irish family who face surprising changes with warmth and humor when a Shakespeare Company rolls into town and turns everything upside down.

The play originally was produced in 1995 by the Seanachai Theatre Company. It has since been nominated for two national playwriting awards, the American Theatre Critics' Association's New Plays Award and Osborn Award.

The cast includes Patrick Butcher of Rochester, Joey Bybee of Lapeer, Carrie LaFerle of Shelby Township, Catherine Lutz of Howell, Courtney Presley of Oxford, Travis Walter of Suttons Bay and J. Kim Welch of Davisburg.

Guest artist, Todd Schmidt, will direct the play. Schmidt is a professional director from Chicago with many plays to his credit. From April to October, he is the general manager of the Peninsula Players, a summer resident company with a 66-year history in Door County, Wisconsin. Schmidt has an Master of Fine Arts in directing from the Goodman School of Drama, DePaul University.

Performance dates and times are Feb. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 12 and 13 at 10 a.m.; and Feb. 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. The Feb. 10 performance will be shadow-signed for the deaf and hearing impaired by Terptrheatre.

Tickets for the 2 and 8 p.m. performances cost \$5 for students, \$8 for seniors and OU employees, and \$10 for the general public. All tickets for the 10 a.m. performances are just \$5 each.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the Varner Hall Box Office at (248) 370-3013, at all Ticketmaster outlets, on-line at the **Ticketmaster** Web site and one hour before each performance at the door.

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