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Williams' 'Menagerie' Opens UDM Season

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The Theatre Company of the University of Detroit Mercy will open the season with a production of Tennessee Williams' classic "The Glass Menagerie," September 28-October 14 at the Marygrove College Theatre.

The UDM production will star Diane O'Brien Hill, recent Wilde Award winner for Best Actress in a Drama, as Amanda. The production will be directed by Arthur Beer.

In this American classic Amanda Wingfield is a faded, tragic remnant

of Southern gentility who lives in poverty in a dingy St. Louis apartment with her son, Tom, and her daughter, Laura.

Amanda strives to give meaning and direction to her life and the lives of her children, though her methods are ineffective. Tom is driven nearly to distraction by his mother's nagging and seeks escape in alcohol and the unrealistic world of the movies.

Laura also lives in her own illusions. She is crippled, and this defect, intensified by her mother's anxiety to see her married, has driven her more and more into herself. The crux of the action comes when Tom invites a young man of his acquaintance to take dinner with the family. Jim, the caller, is a nice ordinary fellow who is at once pounced upon by Amanda as a possible husband for Laura.

Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Marygrove College Theatre 8425 W. McNichols-Rd. at Wyoming. Tickets are \$15, students \$9. For tickets, call (313) 993-3270. For information, visit theatre.udmercy.edu.

UDM Season



Curtis Green and Diane O'Brien Hill in "The Glass Menagerie."