

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

Mailed March 24, 1986

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The unforgettable power of American playwright Eugene O'Neill opens an all-too-rare Youngstown area appearance April 3 when Youngstown State University's University Theatre begins its moving production of O'Neill's modern masterpiece, "A Moon for the Misbegotten."

The show will continue through April 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 with curtain time at 8 p.m. There will be a 3 p.m. matinee April 13. There will be a First Nighter's Buffet April 3.

All performances will be in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theatre, Wick Avenue. Parking is available in the adjacent Wick Deck. Because of limited seating, early reservations are recommended.

"A Moon for the Misbegotten" is a compelling drama about James Tyrone, Jr., a hard-drinking, self-destructive Broadway playboy who unsuccessfully attempts to blot out a horrible, haunting memory.

He comes to the home of his tenant farmer, Phil Hogan--a salty and witty character--and again encounters Hogan's voluptuous and tough-as-nails daughter, Josie, who has the strength to do the work of three men and a dauntless spirit to match. She reaches out to the guilt-laden alcoholic who appears to lack all capacity to receive her love, let alone return it.

The last of Eugene O'Neill's plays, this masterful drama is the sequel to his "Long Day's Journey into Night." First produced on Broadway in May 1957, the play is a formidable testament to O'Neill's traditional eminence as the giant of American playwrights. In the best O'Neill manner, the drama illuminates the soul of modern man at odds both with his fellow men and with a world which has fallen far short of what he thinks it should be.

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Appearing as James Tyrone, Jr. is Thomas Welsh, a senior studio art major from Youngstown who is making his University Theatre debut. Virginia Elser, a senior speech/theatre major from Boardman, will portray the indomitable Josie. She was previously seen by area audiences when she created the title role in the University Theatre production of Bertolt Brecht's "The Good Woman of Setzuan."

Also appearing in the case are Todd Dicken of Columbiana as Mike Hogan; Chris Fidram of Boardman as Phil Hogan; and Michael Angelo Tortora of Youngstown as T. Stedman Harder.

Donna Downie, popular area guest director and limited service faculty member in the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre, is directing the production. She is assisted by Tina Lavorata of Youngstown.

The set is created by Mark Passarrello of New Castle, Pa. Jane Shanabarger of Boardman, Brian Schneidmiller, East Liverpool, and Paul Carson, Liberty, are coordinating the costumes. Lighting Design is by Michael Angelo Tortora.

The First Nighters' Buffet will be served at 6 p.m. April 3 at YSU's Wicker Basket Restaurant on Spring Street. The "all-you-can-eat" menu features Irish cuisine in keeping with the cultural background of "A Moon for the Misbegotten." It includes: Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, O'Brian potatoes, green peas, tossed salad, green jello salad, relish tray, truffle, assorted rolls with butter, and beverage. Cost of this special buffet is \$7 per person and reservations must be made in advance.

A meet-the-cast reception, sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatics fraternity, will be held on Thursday, April 10, in the Bliss Hall Gallery immediately following that performance. Patrons will be able to meet informally with cast members, directors, and others involved in the production. There is no additional charge for the reception.

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Reservations for the performance and buffet may be made by phoning the University Theatre Box Office at (216) 742-3105 between 10:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays. Play tickets are \$4 for the general public. Admission is free for YSU students with I.D. cards. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck adjacent to Bliss Hall.

"A Moon for the Misbegotten" is presented as part of the cultural offerings of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians can become certified in the administration of epinephrine through a five-hour workshop April 12 at Youngstown State University.

Sponsored by YSU's Office of Continuing Education, "Epinephrine Certification for EMT's" will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Participants must be certified in Advanced EMT to be eligible for this workshop. Anyone who has taken the Advanced Emergency Medical Technology course after Jan. 1, 1985 has already been certified for the administration of epinephrine. Those who took the same course prior to Jan. 1, 1985 need to take "Epinephrine Certification for EMT's."

The workshop leader will be Barbara Glaser, a paramedic and a certified EMT instructor.

The fee for this workshop is \$60.

To receive a free brochure, or to register, call the YSU Office of Continuing Education, at (216) 742-3358.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Continuing Education swimming classes at Youngstown State University will be held on Saturdays, beginning April 19 and running through June 21.

"Beginning Swim" for ages 6-12 will teach youngsters how to float and maneuver in the water without fear. This class will meet from 9-10 a.m.

"Advanced Beginning Swim" for the same age group will be held at the same time.

"Beginning Swim for Adults" will teach functional water skills and basic swimming strokes. Classes will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"Toddler Swim," designed for parents and their children (suggested ages 4 months-4 years), will teach basic water safety for the children. Parents will be in the pool with their toddler.

Successful completion of each course, except "Toddler Swim," will lead to Red Cross certification.

Gretchen Julian, a limited-service faculty member in YSU's Health and Physical Education Department, will be the instructor.

The fee for each course is \$75.

For more information, or to register, call the Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3358.

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FOR RELEASE:

CUTLINES

YSU's "A Moon for the Misbegotten" includes a moonlight scene in which Thomas Welsh of Youngstown tells Virginia Elser of Boardman that he will always love her. The Eugene O'Neill drama opens April 3 after a First Nighter's Buffet.

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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FOR RELEASE:

CUTLINES

The daughter, Virginia Elser of Boardman, left, and her domineering father, played by Chris Fidram of Boardman, almost come to blows in a scene from YSU's "A Moon for the Misbegotten." University Theatre will present the Eugene O'Neill drama April 3-5 and 10-13.

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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In a dramatic scene from YSU's production of the Eugene O'Neill drama, "A Moon for the Misbegotten," Chris Fidram of Boardman, left, warns Michael Angelo Tortora of Youngstown that he'll break him in half if he tries to swindle him out of his land. The play will be presented at Bliss Hall at 8 p.m. April 3-5 and 10-12 and at 3 p.m. April 13.
(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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FOR RELEASE:

HOLD FOR RELEASE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1986

w/photo

Lonnie W. Mansell of 608 E Dr., NE, Warren, received his second degree from Youngstown State University today, and also was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

He was the 849th ROTC cadet to be commissioned from the YSU ROTC Unit, now in its 35th year.

Lt. Mansell has been assigned to active duty with the Corps of Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Va.

In 1982 he received an Associate Degree in Applied Science and Technology, and today was granted a Bachelor of Science Degree in Combined Science with a major in Geology.

For the past four years he has been serving with the 112th Engineer Battalion, Ohio National Guard, in Austintown.

Lt. Mansell is a son of Phillip and Ilene Mansell.

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CUTLINE

Lonnie W. Mansell of Warren, right, is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army by Lt. Col. Paul W. Fellingner of Boardman, chairman of YSU's Military Science Department and commander of the ROTC Unit.

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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CUTLINE w/story

"Try mine!" Wendy, left, and Vickie Andrews of McDonald, identical twins who were in every class together at YSU, try swapping caps just before today's commencement, when both received Bachelor of Science in Education degrees. (YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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