

Theater revives classic play

BY JIM WALSH

ASSISTANT ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR
A new take on an old play hits University Mall tonight, bringing with it political observation rich with satire.

Deep Dish Theater Company's presentation of "The Misanthrope," a 17th-century tragic comedy by the French playwright Moliere, opens at 8 p.m. in the mall.

The play tells the story of a young man who openly criticizes the politics of his Parisian society but loves a woman who thrives on them.

Though written for a 17th-century audience, "The Misanthrope" remains "an appropriate work for the current political climate," said Deep Dish Founder Paul Frellick.

The play, which has been translated into rhyming English couplets, explores the hypocrisy of manners and the perils of politics.

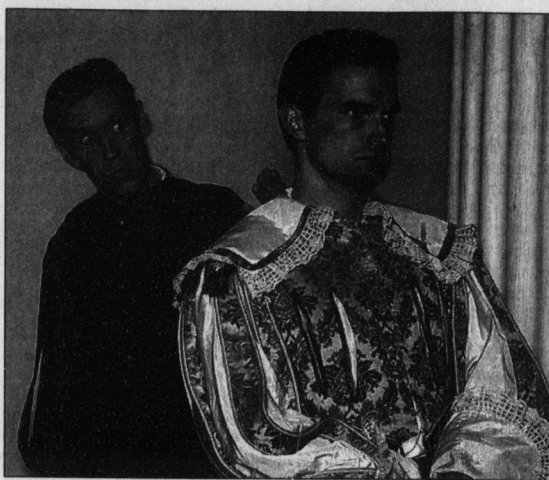
"It's a classic French comedy about a guy who is upset by the society he finds himself in," Frellick said. "It's a society where people are all saying what they want to hear and not what they need to hear."

The show will take place in intimate settings: Capacity at the Deep Dish Theater is limited to fewer than 100 seats. Sets and costumes are patterned after 17th-century styles, but small elements give the show a modern feel, Frellick said.

Promoters said the show was an obvious pick as an opener for the season.

"The story just jumped out at me," Frellick said. "We're using a translation from French by Richard Wilbur, and we haven't changed a word."

Wilbur, a Pulitzer Prize-win-



Actors John Murphy (left) and Roman Pearah of Deep Dish Theater Company will perform in Moliere's "The Misanthrope" at University Mall.

ning poet and former U.S. poet laureate, maintains a clever yet conversational style in his translation to which contemporary audiences can relate.

"The language and the world in which it takes is delightful," said actress Nicole Farmer.

The Deep Dish Theater Company, now in its fourth year, is using new incentives to draw audiences.

In addition to offering discounted tickets to students, the company will host "Cheap Dish Night" Sept. 2, at which time all tickets will cost \$5.

"We're introducing a couple of new things with this production and this season," Frellick said. "These should eliminate any excuse for students not to come."

The group plans to offer discussion sections after the shows on Sunday and Sept. 5, and before

IF YOU GO

Date: Thursday, August 26
Time: 8 p.m., matinee at 3 p.m.
Location: Deep Dish Theater, University Mall
Info: www.deepdishtheater.org

the show Sept. 16.

Farmer said the show still is relevant in modern times because it effectively handles the same political and social dilemmas audiences face today.

"In that regard, it's timeless."

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Infertility clinic picked as one of nation's best

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The Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at UNC Hospitals has been crowned one of the nation's top 12 infertility clinics in the July issue of Town & Country magazine.

Dr. Marc Fritz, head of the division, said that significant strides have been made in the field of infertility treatment and that UNC Hospitals is at the forefront of new developments.

"We've been fortunate to have a reputation and a strong track record of success," Fritz said. "We have a complete range of evaluation and treatment services for women experiencing fertility problems."

He added that the division is able to handle almost any problem that might cause infertility.

The facility employs four certified sub-specialists in reproductive endocrinology, an embryologist, nurses and technical and administrative support staff.

Fritz said everyone working in the center is committed to providing the very best care modern medicine has to offer for couples with reproductive problems.

"We have a lot of good experience, a lot of good training and background," said Stan Beyler, director of the assisted reproductive techniques and andrology lab.

He said the division doesn't shy away from treating patients with

major problems.

Many private clinics turn away the more difficult cases because of the expense, but Beyler said the UNC center is committed to serving the community.

"Medicine, like so many businesses, is a business," he said. "We welcome the business here as well, but that's not our sole purpose."

He added that the facility has state-of-the-art technology because of recent renovations. It is located in the N.C. Women's Hospital, which reopened in 2002.

Beyler also commended the division's staff for its personal attention to each individual patient and situation. "Everybody's a little bit different," he said.

Beyler added that the division constantly is working toward new fertility treatments and now is utilizing embryo biopsies to analyze embryos for abnormalities. He said the division also prides itself

on keeping up-to-date with the latest research, reading the most recent medical journals, communicating with colleagues and attending meetings.

"We as an academic institution try to stay on the cutting edge of things," Beyler said. "We're lucky enough to have the resources and funding to stay on top of things."

Town & Country joined with Castle Connolly Medical, a research publisher of consumer health care guides, to reach its decision on the top 12 infertility clinics in the nation.

The University of Pennsylvania, the University of Colorado, Stanford University and Cornell University have infertility clinics ranked in the top 12. UNC has the only top-ranked program in the Southeast.

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