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As a grand finale to the drama workshop which has been held at Salve Regina College during its summer session, a two act play, Cradle Song, will be produced at Ochre Court on the evening of August 4. Immediately preceding the dramatic presentation will be a concert given by selected pieces of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Joseph Conte. The concert will begin at 7:30 followed by the play at 8:30. Attendance will be by invitation only.

Starring as Sister Johanna is Miss Ethel Barrymore Colt under whose direction the drama workshop has been conducted. Miss Colt’s name and acting ability are well-known to theatre-goers throughout this country and in many parts of the world.

Briefly, the play revolves around the mutual love between a nun, Sister Johanna of the Cross, and a young, orphan girl, Teresa, who has been reared from infancy by the sisters in a small, nineteenth-century convent. Her eventual departure from the monastery to marry a young Spanish architect, Antonio, causes much heartbreak for the nuns, especially for Sister Johanna, who has come to regard the girl as her own daughter.

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Teresa, the eighteen-year old orphan, is played by Miss Wabda Lyons of Fall River, a student in the workshop. All other members of the cast have been taking part in the summer program as well.

Robert Reimer, Middletown (Antonio, Teresa's fiancé) and Paul Venancio, Middletown (the convent's doctor who acts as Teresa's "adopted" father), figure as important characters in the drama.

The community of nuns includes S. Margaret Gormley, C. N. D. (Mother Prioress), S. Maria Crucis, R. S. M. (Mother Vicarress), Mrs. Anne Marie Chapman (Mistress of Novices), S. M. Clare Theresa, R. S. M. (S. Marcella), S. Aurelia Mary, R. S. M. (S. Inez), Miss Welting Thomas (S. Maria Jesús), Miss Diane Tonnis (S. Sagrario) and S. Christine Mary, R. S. M. (S. Torero).

The play will be produced under the direction of Miss Joan David, head of the Drama Department at Salve Regina College.

Earlier in the week the drama workshop will also present a master class in musical comedy techniques. This performance, which will also be under Miss Colt's direction, will take place at Ochre Court at 7:30 on Monday evening, August 1. Selections from many Broadway shows will be featured. The public is invited to this event.