

Two dance groups perform unique, original works

This weekend will see "Testinground II" performed at the Community Center for the Performing Arts' WOW Hall and "The Sculptor's Block" at the Soreng Theatre, Hult Center.

"Testinground II" is the collective effort of 13 performing artists and four technicians. The first "Testinground" premiered at the WOW Hall last October. Several dancers from that show will appear with new works, along with additional artists. Works will consist of solos, duets and ensembles and will include elements of contact improv, modern, African, martial arts and theatre.

Original music, improvised and composed, will accompany some of the dances. Part of the WOW Hall's Spring Fest, the shows will begin at 8 pm on April 30 and May 1. The cost is \$4 on Thursday, \$5 on Friday and tickets are available at the door.

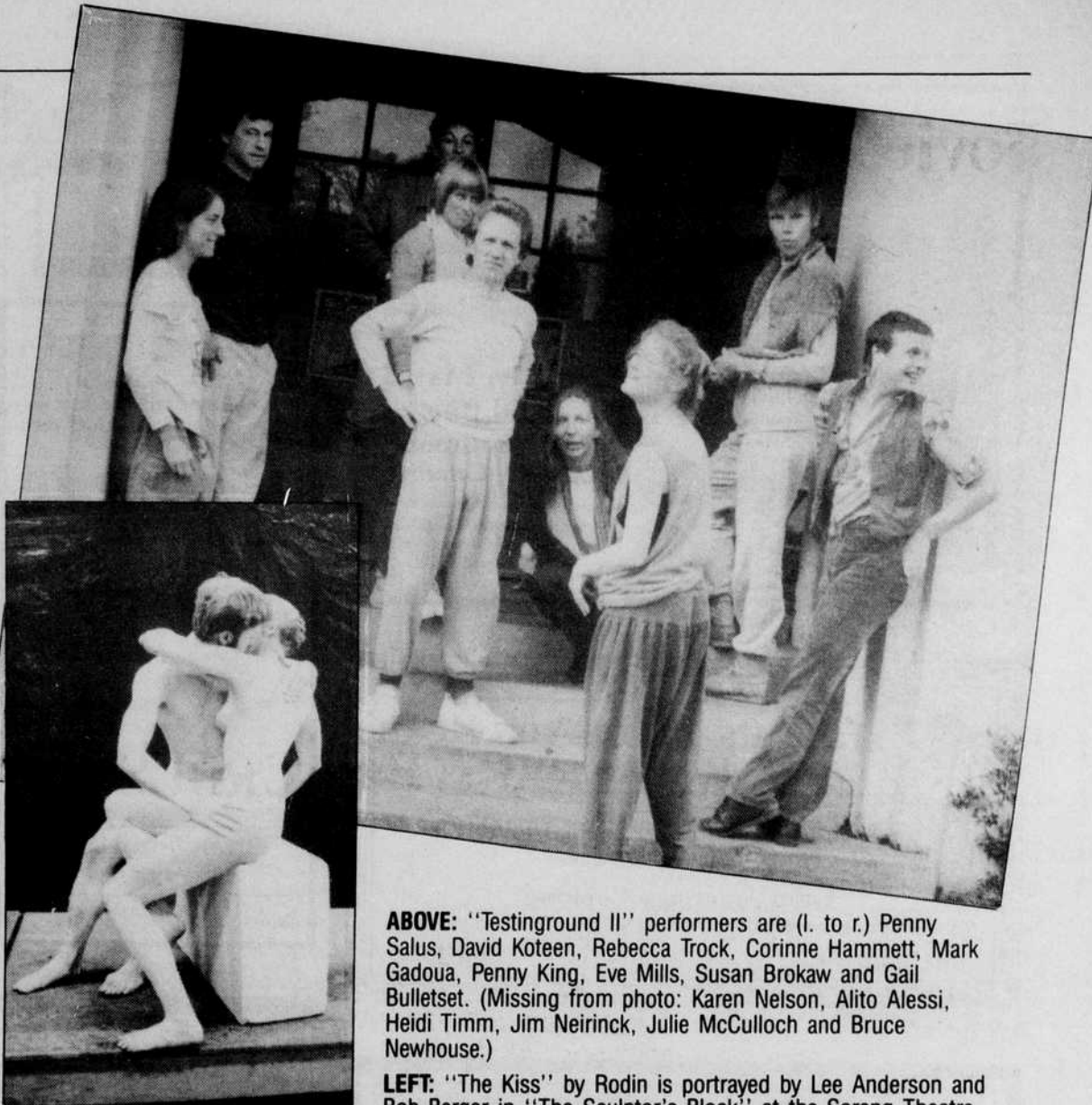
"The Sculptor's Block" is being presented by the Human Dance Company and the University of Oregon's Department of Fine and Applied Arts.

Conceived and directed by Andre Carpenter, it is a theater and dance piece about a sculptor who is faced with a creative block.

Performed by Douglas Zalud-Mackie, the sculptor can't work and his model/companion (Margaret Zalud-Mackie) becomes impatient with him. His frustration leads him into confrontation with dream figures which are classical statues out of the past. They come alive and interact with him. Representing his desires, demons and buried heroic self, they help him get back in touch with his lost creativity. He is guided in his dream-quest by an archetypal mentor figure played by Richard Reitz.

Classical as well as modern music will accompany the work, and texts by various artists and writers will be included.

Tickets are \$6.50 on April 30 (which is a preview performance) and \$8 on May 1. They are available through all Hult Center outlets. The performances begin at 7:30 pm and there are no reserved seats.



ABOVE: "Testinground II" performers are (l. to r.) Penny Salus, David Koteen, Rebecca Trock, Corinne Hammett, Mark Gadoua, Penny King, Eve Mills, Susan Brokaw and Gail Bulleset. (Missing from photo: Karen Nelson, Alito Alessi, Heidi Timm, Jim Neirinck, Julie McCulloch and Bruce Newhouse.)

LEFT: "The Kiss" by Rodin is portrayed by Lee Anderson and Bob Berger in "The Sculptor's Block" at the Soreng Theatre.

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