

Troupe: The 'Ritual Theatre' was created in 1996

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ies and performs dance and theater in the Eugene community. While teaching an improv class in the summer of 1996, she discovered five talented actresses.

Created in September of 1996, the Young Women's Ritual Theater has performed plays locally for the past two years. They will perform their newest play, "Trees," at WOW Hall tonight at 7 p.m. "Trees" contains new material about the actresses' lives, "created around the symbology of trees," according to a press release.

On the stage there will be an artificial tree made by the theater group. All of the monologues and scenes in "Trees" are associated with a part of a tree. "The roots will symbolize the young women's ancestors," Fox said. "The trunk is about support, family and body. The branches are about the future."

All of the theater company's plays are written by the group members themselves. The script come from a journal each group member keeps, which they write in once a week for the first few months, Fox said.

"At each rehearsal we try to have a moment with our journals," Fox said. "I'll give them a list of words: future dreams, friendship and parents for example."

Fox then has each group member develop and explore each issue. The group members continually revise their pieces until it is a set piece.

The group's purpose is clear: "The

Group Theater

Ten teenage women will perform original monologues and scenes

■ **WHAT:** "Trees," a play about young women's lives, centered around the symbology of trees

■ **WHO:** The Young Women's Ritual Theater

■ **WHERE:** WOW Hall (8th and Lincoln)

■ **WHEN:** Tonight at 7

■ **TICKETS:** \$3-10 at the door — call 345-5152 for more information

mission is to be bold and articulate and proud of what they have to say," Fox said.

Because this is a teenage theater group, Fox knows that every year members will grow too old for the group. "My challenge is not to get too attached. I start to love these girls as my own daughters," she said.

Admission to "Trees" is on a sliding scale of \$3 to \$10. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show time is 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 687-2746.



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Members of the Young Women's Ritual Theater perform their program 'Trees,' which will be presented tonight at WOW Hall.



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During a dress rehearsal, actress Jamie Proctor lies on stage and sings about the world around her.

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