

# FIRES ON THE WATER

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On January 28th Naa Kahidi Theater Troupe put on a performance at The Siletz Tribal Community Center. "Fires on the Water", a dramatic anthology of Tlingit Legend, was enthusiastically received by a crowd of approximately 60 people who fought the wind and rain to attend even though it was super bowl Sunday.

The Naa Kahidi Theater which originates in Alaska, came to the Oregon coast to perform at the Performing Arts Center in Newport as a kick off to a tour which will take them all over the United States and possibly over-seas. However, there was a mix up in the schedule and they were unable to perform in Newport, which became our good fortune. Since they particularly enjoy performing for Native American audiences and had the time available, they contacted the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. This performance was free to the public and sponsored by the Lincoln County Title V Program, the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts and Siletz Tribe's JOM Program.

The program put on by Naa Kahidid Theater included Native American legends depicted in the performance of "The Sea Monster" and "Keet Shagoon, Origin of the Killer Whale". After the performance, a pot-luck was held for the performers and all those in attendance.

The members of the Naa Kahidid Theater, stayed in the homes of Tribal Members while they remained here in Lincoln County. Willo Daughtery-Smith, Frank and Bonnie Petersen, and Jack and Tina Retasket were the host families.

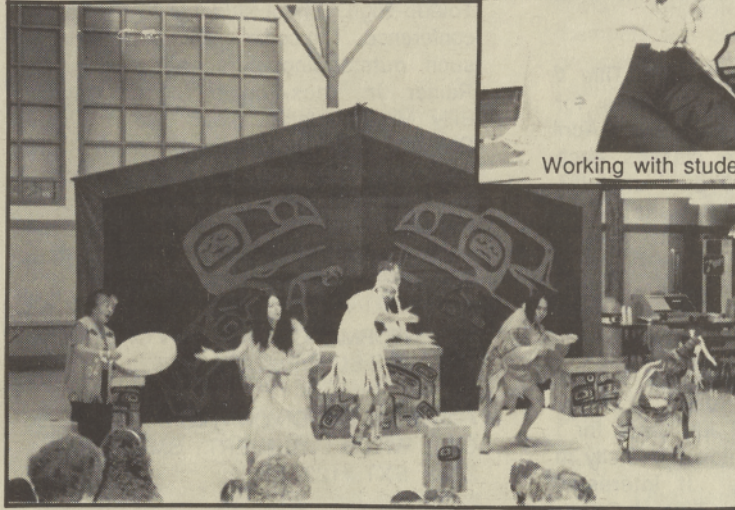
January 29th another performance was held at the Siletz School which was attended by the entire student body plus Native American Students from other schools throughout the county. The Company held a workshop related to the telling of legends for the students following the performance. At the workshop the

students were divided into small groups with one of the performers working with each separate group.

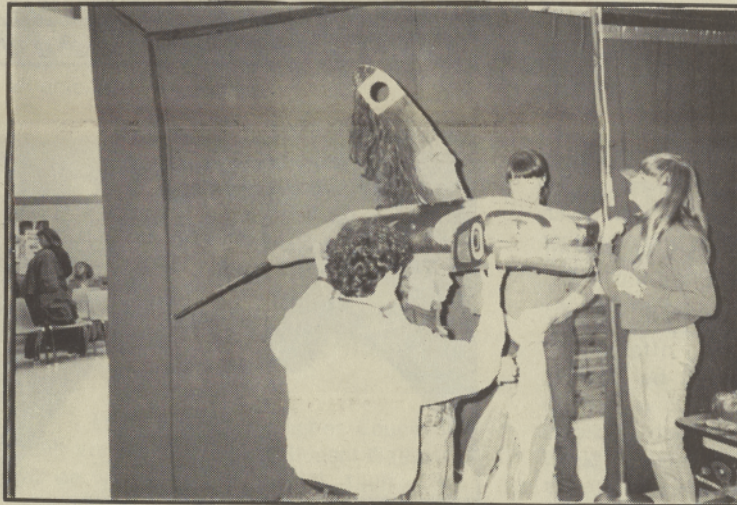
Willo Daughtery-Smith, JOM Coordinator; Joe Scovell, Title V Coordinator; and Tina Retasket, Programs Director; all contributed greatly in the effort to bring "Fires on the Water" to the Tribal Center and the Siletz School.



Working with students at Siletz School



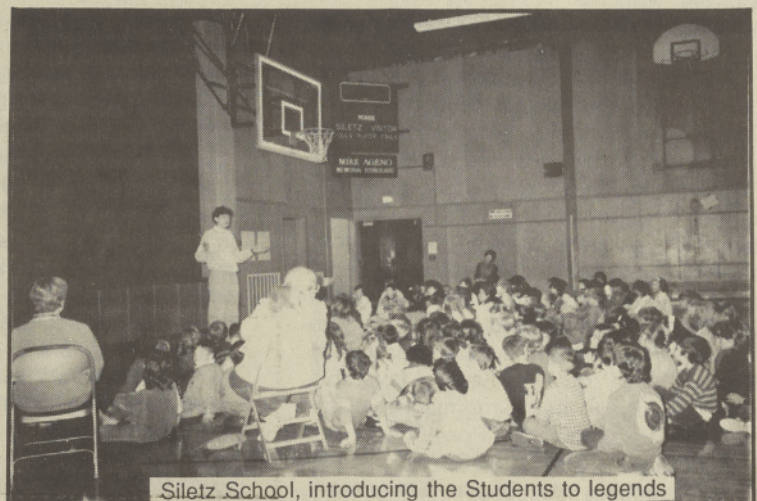
Performing the legends at Siletz Tribal Center



Demonstrating the use of the props



"Fires on the Water" Siletz Tribal Center



Siletz School, introducing the Students to legends