

# Young Women Reaching for Success

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youth mentorship, rites of passes and community service.

Participants leave a stamp on the community well beyond their high school years that allows them to exchange and broaden their perspectives not just educationally, but also socially and culturally. As mentors, they take personal pledges toward not just pursuing goals, but making sure they are positive achievements.

Young members embody courage and character. Social responsibility is taught and encouraged. Members are allowed to grow into themselves. Not just in age, but growth to promote a positive personality amongst their peers. Each member marks the beginning of a new journey, a journey from adolescent to young adulthood.

One of many ongoing rewards of being a Les Femmes member is you exceed your own and others expectations. The organization

has a belief in achieving the unexpected, in spite of any or all circumstances. Young women are empowered to grow as youth to productive young adults.

The Les Femmes organization, along with its African-American community partners, also has a long tradition of charitable events and activities.

In the African tradition, the youth must ask for the rite (right) or permission of passage (passing on) to a higher level of humane, social and educational development. The group's rites of passage celebrate academic accomplishments and service to others. The young women must demonstrate excellent character, intellect, and leadership.

For more information on Les Femmes and the open house, call 503-660-3327, email [LesFemmesDebutantes.org@gmail.com](mailto:LesFemmesDebutantes.org@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook site [Facebook.com/LesFemmesDebutantes.org](http://Facebook.com/LesFemmesDebutantes.org).

# West Coast Debut



White Bird presents the West Coast debut of Vertigo Dance Company and the North American premiere of their breathtaking work *Mana, Vessel of Light*, choreographed by Noa Wertheim.

Founded in 1992 in Jerusalem by Noa Wertheim and Adi Sha'al, Vertigo is one of Israel's most revered and dynamic dance companies.

Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 13-15, at the Newmark Theater, downtown. Tickets are available at [whitebird.org](http://whitebird.org) and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office.

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The food and setup committees would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals that graciously donated towards Coach Phil Walden's Memorial on Sept. 10, 2011.



Pictured above, the Food and Setup committee members.

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