



“Louisiana Women: *Originals*” and “Louisiana Women: *Visionaries*”
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Louisiana Women: *Visionaries* Theatre Company *Louisiana’s History Comes to Life on Stage in Stories of Remarkable Women*

Lake Charles, LA – AlterEgo Productions presents Lake Charles playwright **Carolyn Woosley’s** cycle of one-woman plays about remarkable women of Louisiana in ten cities throughout the State this fall. The “*Visionaries*” **Company**, performing three of Woosley’s plays, begins its ten-week tour around the state in September, with highlights to be featured at the New Orleans Fringe Festival in November.

Carolyn Woosley’s “**Louisiana Women**” is a cycle of a dozen one-woman plays that turn spotlights on the lives of women of importance to Louisiana’s history. The “**Louisiana Women: *Visionaries*” Company** will perform three of these plays illuminating the lives and work of women motivated and shaped by their social concerns.

The three “*Visionaries*” women featured in this production include nature and forestry preservationist, author, and watercolorist **Caroline Dormon**, as portrayed by *Molly L. Markwick*; early feminist author **Kate Chopin**, as portrayed by *Donna Rigdon Jones*; and Presbyterian Women’s leader, abstract sculptor, and civil rights advocate, **Clyde Connell**, as portrayed by *Carol Ann Gayle*. *Kathy Lynn Heath* understudies all three roles.

The “*Visionaries*” **Company** is directed by **Carol Anne Gayle**, former pupil of legendary acting teacher Sanford Meisner and graduate of New York’s Neighborhood Playhouse Theatre. Gayle is a veteran actor and director with more than 40 years experience in live theater, television, film and radio productions.

As an educator, Gayle has created numerous workshops and programs for the Calcasieu Parish School board to benefit the local arts education community. Gayle is also an accomplished fine artist, with a prominent piece of her work on permanent display, as the creator of the decorated “Gator” which sets just outside the Lake Charles Symphony. In addition to her role as the “*Visionaries*” **Company** director, Gayle will portray “**Clyde**” during the touring series and at the New Orleans Fringe Festival performances.

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The “*Visionaries*” Company kicks off their tour on the weekend of September 10 – 12, 2010 with performances at Cité des Arts in Lafayette. The tour will take the Company around the State to perform in different cities each weekend, until it culminates in performances at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art during the New Orleans Fringe Festival in mid-November. The final performances of the **Louisiana Women: “*Visionaries*” Company** tour will feature one of the “*Visionaries*” women – “**Clyde**” – whose works of art are on permanent display in the Ogden Museum.

The producers plan to film a documentary about the tour suitable for cable or public television.

The “*Visionaries*” Company will be appearing at the following venues:

Lafayette	Cite des Arts	September 10 – 12, 2010
Alexandria	The Hearn Stage	September 17 – 19, 2010
Crowley	Rice Theatre	September 24 – 26, 2010
Bossier City	East Bank Arts Center	October 1 – 3, 2010
Lockport	Bayou Playhouse	October 8 – 10, 2010
TBD*		October 15 – 17, 2010
TBD*		October 22 – 24, 2010
Lake Charles	McNeese State University	October 29 – 31, 2010
	Webster Junior High School	
Minden	and Christopher’s	November 5 – 7, 2010
		November 12 th – 14 th ,
TBD*		2010
	Updated Venue Information	
*	Will	Be Available Shortly

For further information about tickets, performance dates, and venues, please contact Producer, Leslie Berman, at 337.515.6479. For addition press releases and media information, please contact Penny J. Miller, Publicist and Marketing Director, at 337.438.3038.