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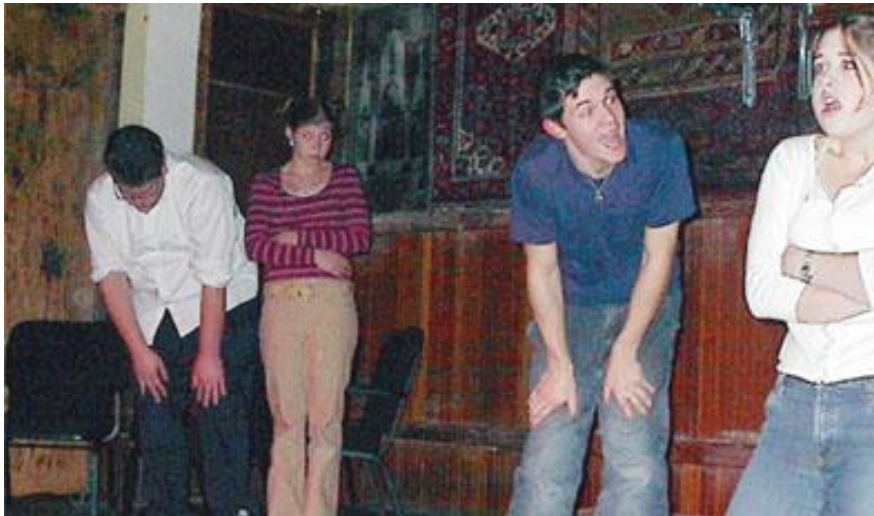


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Drama Puts Face on Homeless



De La Salle North Catholic High School students Daniel Lower (from left) Brittany Barton, Nathanael Stewart and Mariana Lindsay rehearse the play 'The Cave Dwellers' which opens Saturday at the McMenamins St. Johns Dome Theater.

Picture a homeless young girl who runs into an abandoned theatre to escape from the noises of buildings being demolished around her. Inside, she finds an eclectic group of homeless performers seeking refuge from the bitter cold and violence of the world.

This is how the play *The Cave Dwellers* by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright William Saroyan begins. The drama, to be performed by the De La Salle North Catholic High School Theatre Arts Department, will open Friday at McMenamins St. Johns Dome Theater.

"It's basically about maintaining compassion and the joy of living despite poverty and uncertain times. It is a play about love, hate, destruction, alienation and war, but especially love," said director Gwendolyn Herrin.

Performances at the historic McMenamins St. Johns Dome Theater, 7654 N. Delaware, are scheduled for 1 pm on Saturday, Nov. 6, Sunday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 13.

General admission is \$6 or \$5 with a canned food item to be donated to the Oregon Food Bank. Advance tickets are available at the school located at 7654 N. Delaware.