

press release

## Swashbuckling Charlotte Doyle Sets Sail at NWCT!

**NORTHWEST  
CHILDRENS  
THEATER and  
SCHOOL**

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It's high seas adventure on the Northwest Children's Theater (NWCT) stage when *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* sails into port from April 1-17, 2005. This is the west coast premiere of the young adult novel especially adapted for teen audiences.

When 13-year-old schoolgirl Charlotte Doyle sets sail for America, she has no idea her journey will be fraught with tragedy and danger. Soon she is enveloped in mutiny and murder, and faced with perils that will teach her more about herself than any proper finishing school. Ultimately she must choose between retreating to her life as a young woman of society or donning the uniform of a sailor, forever changing her destiny. This swashbuckling mystery adventure combines the spirits of *Treasure Island* and *Mutiny on the Bounty* with a strong dose of "girl power".

Guest director Pamela Sterling joins NWCT from Arizona State University, where she is a professor in the Theatre for Young Audiences department. The former artistic director of such companies as The Coterie, Honolulu Theatre for Youth and the Idaho Theatre for Youth, Sterling brings years of expertise and experience to the production. This will be her second endeavor with NWCT following her highly-acclaimed 2003 production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

NWCT intern Emily Cawley stars as Charlotte, the young woman who discovers a new side to herself aboard ship. There she meets Zachariah, the wise and kindly ship's cook, played by Kenneth Springs, and the duplicitous Captain Jaggery, played by Garland Lyons. She must decide if she is to trust the Captain or his mutinous crew led by sailors Barlow, Keetch and Dillingham, played by Broadside Johnny, Paddric Fitzgerald and Ken Potts. The play's daring fight scenes will be realized by local fight director Jon Armour, who also plays the first-mate. The great ship itself, "The Seahawk", will be brought to life by set designer John Anderberg, with detailed period costumes by NWCT resident costumer DeeDee Remington, lights by Jeff Forbes and a rousing nautical score by Drammy Award winning composer Rodolfo Ortega.

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* is adapted by John Olive from the novel by best-selling author Avi. Among the books many awards it received the prestigious Newbery Honor Book Award in 1990.

In addition to nine public shows, more than 5,000 school children will share in *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* with fourteen school day matinees. The play is supported in part by grants from the Collins Foundation, Oregon Public Broadcasting and Willamette Week.

**When:** April 1-17, 2005  
Friday & Saturday 7 pm; Sunday 2 pm

**Where:** NW Neighborhood Cultural Center  
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**Tickets:** 503-222-4480 or WWW.NWCTS.ORG

**Prices:** \$18 adults, \$14 youth (up to 14 years old)

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Emily Cawley (Charlotte Doyle)  
Garland Lyons (Captain Jaggery)

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