

Sault Youth Theatre

Girls can so pitch

By Kelly Moore
The News

Young audiences in Terrace Bay and Schreiber were given a special treat last week - a live theatre production entitled "Girls Can't Pitch".

The play deals with the issue of gender inequality. It tells the story of a young girl who wants to join the boys' baseball team at her school. She runs into her greatest opposition from the captain of the team, who is her brother's best friend. The brother is forced to choose between supporting his sister's efforts or upholding the chauvinist attitudes of his teammates.

This is a play with a strong message - that you must be true to yourself above all else. The message does not advocate feminist rights, but the rights of an individual to be able to do whatever he or she chooses.

The production was presented by the Sault Youth Theatre. This troupe is on an 11 day tour of Northern Ontario Communities. Their work is funded by SEED, the Ministry of Envi-

ronment, and Theatre Ontario. "All the plays we do are Canadian," said Steve Ballantine, director/producer for the group. He added that "it takes some real looking" to find good plays with a direct message.

Not all of their pieces are intended for a young audience.

"People are misled by 'Youth Theatre'," said Ballantine. "There is always an important message regardless of age.

Everyone should get something out of it."

"Our children's plays always deal with morals and ethics," added one of the actors.

They do not emphasize male or female perspectives, but put people first. The plays are presented from a humanist point of view.

The Sault Youth Theatre will return in the fall with more productions for the schools.



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