

WOMANLORE



HOME THEATER

(57-Inch TV Screen Not Included)

Imagine that between the braised veal shanks and chocolate mousse, you also offer your guests a live theatrical experience. Thanks to actress Betsey Means and her director Eileen Vorbach, it's an intriguing home entertainment option. Through their company, WomanLore, Means and Vorbach have created two one-woman shows based on the writings of real historical figures. These productions go on the road to museums, corporate events, clubs, schools and private parties.

Choose from Fish & Fetish, in which Means introduces audiences to Mary Kingley, a 19th century explorer and author, and March of the Mill Children, a performance piece that features Means as Mother Jones, a controversial advocate against child labor in the early 1900s. Each show is complete with sets, props and costumes and lasts 45 minutes to an hour. The only requirement is that you have an 8-by-4-foot foot space to stage the production.

Means is an accomplished actress who has appeared in numerous professional productions throughout the Chicago area, including several at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. Fish & Fetish was performed in Mary Ellen Holstein's Lake Bluff home at a Valentine's Day tea for 25 women. Holstein says Means is "dynamic. She plays the part so well it is as if Mary Kingley is actually in the room."

WomanLore has a sliding scale, but prices generally begin at \$250. For a booking schedule, call 773/866-9847.