

'Sister Warrior' to be staged in Anchorage this weekend

Arctic Moon Stage Co. will present the play, "Sister Warrior," at the Wilda Marston Theatre in the new Loussac Library on Friday and Saturday.

Both performances will be at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, the military and seniors, and they will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the performances will be used to help defray some of the costs involved in presenting the production at the ACTFEST community Theatre Festival in Haines.

Those who want more information may call Tony Vita at 276-0631 or Richard Benavides at 345-1367.

Teen-age despair, drugs and running away from home are some of the realities that come to life, both in humor and in drama, in the play, by playwright Diane E. Benson.

The play is about two girls, one white and one Alaska Native, in a Southeast Alaska jail cell in 1971.

Billy, the Native girl, is caught up

in new ideas of social freedom. At the same time, she is faced with the problem of trying to maintain what little is left of her Native culture, a heritage passed on to her by her late grandmother.

Dora, the non-Native girl and Billy's cellmate, struggles with drugs and the fact that her mother has no place for her. This struggle takes Dora to the point of believing that maybe life just isn't worth living.

In the confines of a jail cell, a glimmer of hope for both comes from where they least expect — each other.

Billy is played by the playwright, who is a Tlingit Indian, originally from Sitka.

Dora is played by P.J. Gentry. She has appeared in many Anchorage productions.

The play, originally produced by the Theatre Guild, will be Arctic Moon Stage Co.'s entry in the ACTFEST Community Theatre Festival in Haines April 29.