

Warrior Women

A new musical theater piece:

May 15th and 16th, 7:30 pm

at Orringer Auditorium, Craven Community College

Warrior Women is an original evening-length theater piece about the challenges of being female while on active duty in the military. Two multi-talented women, Angel Richelle Pinkston and Michelle Sims, confront their power and vulnerability as they tell their stories through dance, song and words.

The piece was conceived, directed and choreographed by Wendy Osserman and written by Angel Richelle Pinkston and Michelle Sims.

Performances will be Monday & Tuesday, May 15 and 16, 7:30 pm at Orringer Auditorium, Craven Community College, 800 College Court, New Bern. Suitable for teens and up.

Admission: \$20/\$10 military & students. Tickets available at the door or at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and at Bank of the Arts, 317 Middle Street, New Bern: (252) 638-2577. Tickets also available through the Lifetime Learning Center (LLC) at Craven Community College located in the Brock Administration Bldg. Suite 100, 800 College Court. Call the LLC at (252) 633-2618 for details. *Warrior Women* is presented in partnership with the Lifetime Learning Center.

This program does not represent the views of the USMC.

“If our men are all drawn off and we should be attacked, you would find a Race of Amazons in America.” Abigail Adams, 1776.

Osserman met Sims and Pinkston while choreographing for the New Bern Civic Theater production of *In The Heights*. Working to develop *Warrior Women*, Osserman has been impressed with their creativity, eloquence and ability to reveal the depth of their feelings along with a sense of humor.

Wendy Osserman is the Artistic Director of her NYC-based dance company (www.wodance.org) which celebrated its 40th Anniversary New York season last April presented by Theater for the New City in Manhattan. She now spends most of the year in Oriental, NC where she has made original musical theater pieces such as *Who Do We Think We Are* performed at the Old Theater and presented in New Bern by LLC at Craven Community College and *The Shore at Night* presented by Pamlico Community College.

“Wendy Osserman has been making quirky, highly individual work for years.” THE NEW YORK TIMES.

"Osserman finds cosmic implications in personal experience." VILLAGE VOICE

Angel Richelle Pinkston is a Philadelphia native. Dance, art, acting, writing and music have all been forms for her creative expression. She has appeared in many shows at NBCT including *The Color Purple*, *Rent*, *In the Heights*, *Blues for an Alabama Sky*, *Gem of The Ocean* and recently choreographed *Once On This Island* for the Civic Theater.

Michelle Sims, 23, is a native of Southern Kentucky. Dancing, writing, acting and singing are her most sought after pursuits. She has been seen locally in *In The Heights* and *Smokey Joe's Café*, and has choreographed for *Madame Z's Cabaret Noir* at the City Laundry.

Lighting design for *Warrior Women*: **Neil Oliver**; Sound design: **Scott Johnson**.