

## Selkie: A woman's quest to find herself

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The Meredith Performs production of *Selkie* by Laurie Brooks, a Scottish folktale about the coming of age of a young girl, opened last night at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

The play has been in production since the first day of class when a team of students began rehearsing.

*Selkie* originally caught the eye of Catherine Rodgers, professor of theatre, when she saw the children's play version and fell in love with it.

"It has gone very well, but right now we need an audience!" said Rodgers days before the opening night of Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001.

She said that she has really enjoyed working with the students, as well as the playwright and others involved.

Set design is by junior Chelsea Desantis "I enjoyed watching her learn from the creative process," said Rodgers about Desantis. "She has done an excellent job as a designer."

So who is Selkie? Or what is a selkie?

A selkie is a seal that has died and come back to life. One of the selkies is played by junior Lisa Rost. Her character is captured by a man who steals her pelt.

She lives on land as a human and has a child--Ellen Jean, played by junior Kristen Patten.

She longs for the sea and while she loves her family on land, she knows she belongs to

the sea with her other family.

When asked how difficult it was to play the part, Rost said it was "very challenging" because her character is "in love with a man [who] has stolen [the selkie's] life from the sea."

"Finding the balance between the two was very difficult."

Patten plays the role of the vivacious thirteen-year-old Ellen Jean. She longs to be normal but is unable to be because her hands are webbed.

She does not understand why she has webbed hands but knows that she does not feel like she belongs on land.

Ellen Jean is also very close to her mother.

"My role wasn't too difficult to grasp," said Patten, "but I found the [Scottish] accent very challenging. We want to sound authentic and be understood completely at the same time. I have never had a major physical impairment to make me different from the others, but everyone has something little that makes them a little bit of an outcast--so I was able to relate to my own."

*Selkie* will be performing through Saturday, beginning each day at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The run time is fairly short, lasting about an hour.

For those interested, the playwright Laurie Brooks will be answering questions after the Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances.



Cornell

~ A Leadership Enrichment Series "Ethical Leadership Forum" will be held  
Wednesday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in KRS

### Student Life

~A Student Life Forum will be held Thursday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 in BDH Stringfield side.  
Studentlife@Meredith.edu

### WINGS

~WINGS has some remaining positions available. If any 23+ students are interested see Madeline McFarland.

### RHB

~ RHB is holding a T-Shirt design meeting on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00. Anyone who is interested in how to make great designs, prices of different styles, and what they need to know to make a T-Shirt for their organization should come.

### Senate

~ Approved Intervarsity as an official Meredith organization. Senate next meets Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm in 214 Harris

### Elections Board

~ Elections Board would like to thank everyone who came and voted during the elections and run-offs

### AMC

~ The next AMC meeting is Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 in KRS. All commuters are welcome!



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The Career Center has extended the deadline for students to sign up for the NCCC Job fair Interview Day. The new deadline is TODAY at 12:00 noon. Sign-up procedures and paperwork, along with information on participating employers and available positions can be obtained in the Career Center on 2nd Park. Job fair information can also be accessed through the North Carolina Career Consortium website at [www.ncccjobfair.org](http://www.ncccjobfair.org) or through its link with the Career Center site: [www.meredith.edu/students/career.htm](http://www.meredith.edu/students/career.htm).