

FRIDAY THROUGH MARCH 29

Historic heroines

It's a clever idea: bringing together two one-act dramas about two women who fought against slavery — and who both, as monikers would have it, were named Harriet.

One is Harriet Tubman, the fugitive slave who worked with the Underground Railroad to help other slaves escape.

The other is Harriet Beecher Stowe, the anti-slavery activist and author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

A new production brings together plays about both women. "Harriet2" is being staged by the Emerson Theater Collaborative in Mystic starting Friday.

Camilla Ross plays Tubman in "Harriet Tubman's Dream" by Lisa Giordano. Ross is current president and co-founder of the Emerson Theater Collaborative. She studied with the Actor's Workshop of Boston and is the theatrical advisor and acting coach for the SPAG Players at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich.

Emma Palzere-Rae plays Stowe in "Aunt Hattie's House." Palzere-Rae, like Ross, has more than 20 years of theater experience. She has appeared Off-Broadway and at regional and stock theaters. She has portrayed Stowe since 2000, when "Aunt Hattie's House" was commissioned by the Missouri Humanities Council for its Civil War Chautauqua.

— Kristina Dorsey

"Harriet2," Union Baptist Church, 119 High St., Mystic; opens Fri. and runs through March 29; 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 4 p.m. Sun.; \$20, \$18 students, seniors; 705-9711.



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Actress Camilla Ross stars as Harriet Tubman in "Harriet2."