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DULUTH -- A UMD Theater student repertory group has entered rehearsals for the production of three early, little known and little produced one-act plays by Eugene O'Neil.

The plays, "Abortion," "The Web," and "Recklessness," will be presented at 8 p.m. Dec. 3, 4 and 5 in the Old Main Studio Theater under the direction of Sigurd A. Jensen, an instructor in speech.

When O'Neil wrote the plays about 1912-14, he did not care for them and, only after the copyrights expired and automatically became part of the public domain, were they introduced, read and performed.

"This is a different O'Neil, a young O'Neil, an O'Neil that is learning," explained Jensen. "I wanted to do O'Neil so I found three plays that I thought would be a challenge to a group in repertory."

The challenge has been taken up by 10 experienced student actors and actresses, namely:

Bonnie Paun, Gilbert; Linda Ping, Tower; Phillip Oseid, Williams; Robert Stackowiak, Mahtomedi; Neil Korpi, Grand Rapids; Donald Jacobson, Eveleth; Susan Schaeffer, Sue Flynn, Ray Karkkainen and Ted Bakkila, all of Duluth.

The UMD repertory players will go on the road Dec. 10 to give a performance before high school and junior college students in Crookston.