
THEATER

'Nevertheless, She Persisted' at the Echo

The essentials: These five short plays, Echo Theater Company says, "explore the treatment of women in today's political climate." All were written by women and commissioned specifically for the Echo's associate members.

Why this? The lineup of playwrights includes Mary Laws, whose "Blueberry Toast" last year delighted Times critic Charles McNulty, and Jacqueline Wright, a "Toast" actress. Four of the five plays here

will be directed by women. And with the cast consisting of Echo's associate members — younger, inexperienced actors — tickets are just \$20.

Echo Theater Company, 3269 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and Mondays, 4 p.m. Sundays, ends Sept. 10. www.echotheatercompany.com