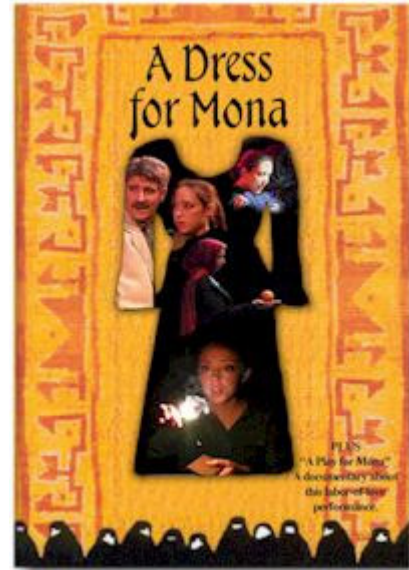


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**DVD Highlights Young Iranian Martyr**

On June 18, 1983, ten women were executed in Shiraz, Iran. Their only crime was their refusal to give up their Baha'i belief in a country that had become an 'Islamic Republic.' The youngest of the women was only 16. Her name was Mona. *A Dress for Mona*, a new DVD by 5<sup>th</sup> Epoch Press, tells the story of her brief, but remarkable life, and her extraordinary capacity to love in the face of fierce persecution.



Two years ago, a diverse cast and crew, representing different Faith backgrounds, came together in Durham, NC, to bring to life the inspiring story of Mona in the 20<sup>th</sup> year after her martyrdom. This DVD includes an engaging and beautifully-edited film of their production of Mark Perry's play, "A Dress for Mona," which the Midwest Book Review calls "absorbing, thought-provoking... emotionally wrenching drama." VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) gave it their highest rating, calling it "well constructed... moving" and saying "Mona's story will inspire teens."

The DVD also includes a 19-minute, award-winning documentary, which gives a behind-the-scenes peek at this unique event in community theatre and eloquently captures the spirit animating this labor-of-love performance.

*A Dress For Mona*, a play by Mark Perry. DVD, 5 ½ X 7 ½ , 108 min. \$19.00. ISBN: 1-931492-14-X. Print run: 1000. Publication: June 2005 by 5th Epoch Press (an imprint of Discover Writing Press). Available through **Baker & Taylor** Wholesalers, also **amazon.com**, & **discoverwriting.com**.

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