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Bruce and partner Kenan Pekoz offer an example of their interplay.

A sight to behold

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Imagine experiencing the world with no sound, relying solely on the feeling of vibration. This is the environment Trix Bruce has lived in every day since birth. Bruce is known nationwide as a talented American Sign Language performer and will be presenting her show Saturday in Pullman.

Bruce's show, "One Deaf Woman Show: The Hearing World Around Me," consists of personal challenges, learning experiences and embarrassing moments. Her goal is to give the insight of the deaf world to those who can hear.

"I hope this show is one that will help people throughout their life journey," Bruce said.

Throughout her performance, Bruce acts out situations and tells stories using ASL while her partner, Kenan Pekoz, translates the

ASL into spoken words.

"She really gives a clear picture of deaf culture," said Melissa Ratsch, a WSU ASL instructor. "It shows the audience that deaf people are real people and should not be looked at as disabled."

Bruce's performance carries energy with comedic undertones anyone can relate to. The richness of her experiences are honest and aid in destroying the barriers separating the hearing world from the deaf.

"The most important things to me are to love and to be loved, to always perform from the heart with integrity, courage and compassion," Bruce said.

The show starts at 8 p.m. in the Gladish Auditorium at 115 N.W. State St. Tickets can be purchased by calling Melissa Ratsch at 335-2521 or at the Speech and Hearing Sciences main office in Daggy Hall. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.