CELEBRATE THE FEMALE EXPERIENCE WITH THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS WOMEN’S CENTER V-DAY 2011 PERFORMANCE OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

The Associated Students (A.S.) Women’s Center of California State University, Chico presents V-Day’s “The Vagina Monologues” in the Bell Memorial Union auditorium at West Second and Chestnut Street on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. as well as a 2 p.m. showing on Saturday. General admission tickets cost $13, $10 pre-sale for students and $15 at the door.

Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at the University Box Office located at Second Street and Normal Avenue near the CSU, Chico Police Station or online for a $2 convenience fee at www.chicostateboxoffice.com. Proceeds of the 2011 V-Day performance of The Vagina Monologues will be divided among The Women and Girls of Haiti, The Sunshine Connection, The Associated Students Women’s Center, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services and Chico Safe Place.

The A.S. Women’s Center’s annual spring production of the global V-Day campaign to end violence against women through The Vagina Monologues talks about sexual abuse, women's libido and women’s experiences—to evoke smiles, tears and women’s empowerment. Community members and CSU, Chico students make up the diverse partnerships, which create the local play that tells the stories of over 200 interviewed women in Eve Ensler's script.

Kathryn Jackson and Amy Fyrndundel volunteered their creative genius to The Vagina Monologues, which includes scenes that discuss women's issues in the spirit of solidarity to propel the global phenomenon of unity and individuality through the worldwide V-Day events.

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“Theater is the ultimate elegant warfare and the cast has taken up the standards of self-empowerment, camaraderie and compassion as a part of the ever-expanding community of women who are not afraid or ashamed to speak up,” Jackson said.

Global V-Day 2011 performances of The Vagina Monologues feature a spotlight scene that honors Myriam Merlet, women’s rights activist and chief of staff of the Ministry for Gender and the Rights of Women of Haiti, who died last year in the earthquake of Haiti.

Merlet brought The Vagina Monologues to Haiti and will be remembered in a scene titled “Myriam” that praises her accomplishments for women and relives the brutal aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

“Every year, The Vagina Monologues embraces the power of the platform it has created and shines a light where it sees a need,” Jackson said. “It’s raw genius and pure love.”

The ongoing passion for The Vagina Monologues supported by CSU, Chico A.S. Women’s Center, is the core essence of why director, Jillian Ruddell, is estatic to bring the play to CSU, Chico once again.

“The Vagina Monologues embodies womanhood in such a way that evokes laughter, pulls tears and encourages acceptance,” Ruddell said. “This really is an event that all women and men should attend at least once in their lives.”

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For more information about V-Day 2011, Eve Ensler or The Vagina Monologues visit www.vday.org.