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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Women's Center Presents Award-Winning Play 'The Vagina Monologues'

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Women's Center for Education and Service at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will present the award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues" Thursday, Feb. 12, and Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

"The Vagina Monologues," based on more than 200 interviews playwright Eve Ensler conducted with women about their sexual experiences, has been performed in cities across the United States and on hundreds of college campuses. Winner of the coveted 1997 Obie Award for best off-Broadway production, Ensler's celebration of female sexuality gives voice to women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability and self-discovery.

The University production, directed this year by student Francesca Eaddy, is one of hundreds across the country coinciding with V-Day, a worldwide movement to promote awareness of violence against women including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sexual slavery. The 'V' in "V-Day" stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

In 10 years, the V-Day movement has raised more than \$60 million for anti-violence groups with events in more than 120 countries. A portion of the proceeds from the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi production will benefit V-Day in its efforts to help the women and girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Thursday's performance will be preceded by a silent auction. Doors open at 7 p.m. Collector merchandise and other concession will be on sale before and after

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the show.

General admission tickets are \$10, or \$5 for students with SandDollar\$ ID. Special 10-ticket discount blocks are available for \$80. The “Vagina Monologues” is for mature audiences. To view more information about “Vagina Monologues,” go to <http://womenscenter.tamucc.edu/vday2.html>.

Since 1995, the Women’s Center for Education and Service has worked to improve the well-being of women faculty, staff and students, and with the Coastal Bend community to build a larger network of resources for victims of sexual violence. For more information, call the Women’s Center for Education and Service at 361.825.2792.

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