



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris to Present 'The Vagina Monologues' as Part of 2012 V-Day

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming production of "The Vagina Monologues" on campus at Ferris State University in Big Rapids on Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. This is the ninth year that Ferris has put on a production. Any questions about this press release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will celebrate its ninth year of presenting Eve Ensler's thought-provoking play "The Vagina Monologues" with a performance at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 in Williams Auditorium.

"The Vagina Monologues," written in 1996 by the Tony Award-winning playwright, performer and activist, has been translated into more than 48 languages and performed in more than 140 countries worldwide.

The Ferris production of the play has been seen by as many as 5,000 people each of the past eight years and raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000 annually for Women's Information Services Inc., the local domestic violence shelter that provides support to survivors, said Allissa Witucki, interim director for the Student Leadership and Activities office. WISE, based in Big Rapids, serves Mecosta, Osceola and Newaygo counties.

"This is a great fundraiser for them, and it helps spread awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault," Witucki said.

The play is one of several events marking V-Day, a global movement dedicated to ending violence against women and girls. Nationwide, colleges and universities are engaging in V-Day campaigns as students produce benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues."

The Ferris production, co-directed by students Jamie Burkle and Avery Larson, features 17 monologues that address a variety of women's social issues, Witucki said.

Tickets are \$10, \$6 for students, and available in advance at the Rankin Student Center. Tickets will be available at the door at Williams Auditorium one hour before the show.

Sponsors for the event include Student Leadership and Activities, Dan Burcham, vice president

for Student Affairs; and University Printing.

For more information on the event, call (231) 591-2606 or email FSU_VaginaMonologues@yahoo.com. More information on V-Day and “The Vagina Monologues” can be found at www.vday.org/about.

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