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Included below is a press release regarding a production of the Vagina Monologues at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Vagina Monologues takes the stage at Ferris

BIG RAPIDS – Eve Ensler's Obie Award-winning Vagina Monologues will perform its fourth annual show at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 in G. Mennen Williams Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$10 for general admission and \$20 for sponsorship tickets. Buying a sponsorship ticket reserves you a seat in the center of the auditorium and your name will be in the program.

The Student Leadership and Activities office and the Volunteer Center are hosting this year's Vagina Monologues, and Ferris students, faculty and staff will take the stage. The oftencontroversial monologues are based on more than 200 interviews Ensler conducted with women from around the world. The performance celebrates women's sexuality and strength with humor.

"These women will speak about various issues that affect them everyday, from serious to comical," said Nichole Wheelock, student coordinator for Student Leadership and Activities and the Vagina Monologues. "What is great about this show is that there is something for both men and women. It's really a night full of laughter."

The Vagina Monologues is a benefit production for WISE, Women's Information Service, Inc. in Big Rapids, a local domestic violence center. All ticket proceeds and donations will be donated to WISE.

Vagina Monologues inspired Ensler to create V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery. It promotes creative events, such as Vagina Monologues, to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

The 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina. Valentine's Day is proclaimed V-Day to celebrate women and end violence against women, which is considered the victory.

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