

Press Release

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V-Day SJSU 2011 Presents: A Benefit Production of the Award Winning Play THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

San José, CA – San José State University students and community members will hit center stage dressed in red and black, ready to spread awareness about violence and abuse toward women and girls through their production of Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues*. The benefit production will run at the historic SJSU Morris Dailey Auditorium on Thursday, March 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 12th at 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 13th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission. For ticket information please call 800-745-3000 or visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

The Vagina Monologues celebrate the global movement of V-Day, which strives to empower women to find their collective voices and demand an end to the violence. SJSU is joining this global movement as part of the V-Day 2011 College Campaign. Each year V-Day increases awareness by focusing on a specific group of women in the world who are resisting violence with courage and vision.

In 2011, V-Day's Spotlight Campaign will be on the Women and Girls of Haiti. The Spotlight will highlight the high levels of violence against women and girls in Haiti, and will focus on the increased rates of sexual violence since the devastating earthquake that took place in January 2010. All funds raised through the Spotlight Campaign will be used to support a revolutionary national campaign in Haiti led by a coalition of women activists - including longtime V-Day activist Elvire Eugene - that will address sexual violence through art, advocacy, safe shelter and legal services.

The proceeds of the V-Day SJSU 2011 will benefit the women and children of Haiti, as well as local non-profit organizations whose programming supports survivors of violence and work toward the ending of violence against women and girls.

For more information about this event call 408-924-6158 or visit www.sjsu.edu/wrc or email sjsuvday@gmail.com.

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About V-DAY

V-Day is a global activist movement to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sex slavery.

Through V-Day campaigns, local volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of *The Vagina Monologues*, *A Memory*, *A Monologue*, *A Rant* and *A Prayer*, *Any One Of Us: Words From Prison* and screenings of V-Day's documentary *Until The Violence Stops*, and the PBS documentary *What I Want My Words To Do To You*, to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their own communities. In 2010, over 5400 V-Day benefit events took place produced by volunteer activists in the U.S. and around the world, educating millions of people about the reality of violence against women and girls.

The V-Day movement is growing at a rapid pace throughout the world, in 140 countries from Europe to Asia, Africa and the Caribbean and all of North America. V-Day, a non-profit corporation, distributes funds to grassroots, national and international organizations and programs that work to stop violence against women and girls. In 2001, V-Day was named one of *Worth Magazine's* "100 Best Charities," in 2006 one of *Marie Claire Magazine's* Top Ten Charities, and in 2010 was named as one of the Top-Rated organizations on *GreatNonprofits*. In twelve years, the V-Day movement has raised over \$75 million and reached over 300 million people.