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Cal Poly Presents of 'Vagina Monologues' Benefit Performances Feb. 16-17

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Women's Programs and Services will sponsor benefit performances of the award-winning "The Vagina Monologues" at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb.16 and 17, in Chumash Auditorium. The play is scheduled to coincide with V-Day, a global movement dedicated to stopping violence against women.

Eve Ensler created and wrote the Obie Award-winning play after interviewing more than 200 women. According to The New York Times, "The play "has given voice to a chorus of lusty, outrageous, poignant and thoroughly human stories. Having seen 'The Vagina Monologues,' no one -- woman or man -- will look at the world the same way again."

The cast of Cal Poly's 2008 performance includes students and staff. This year marks the 10th anniversary of V-Day, which started on Feb. 14, 1998, with a single production of "The Vagina Monologues." Today, over 700 college campuses and 400 cities participate in the worldwide campaign that focuses on raising funds for, and raising awareness about, the issue of violence against women.

Proceeds for this year's production benefit Cal Poly's Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource (SAFER) program, the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center, and VDAY. Both SAFER and the SARP Center are local organizations committed to sexual assault awareness and prevention in the San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly communities.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for general admission. Tickets are available at the Cal Poly Women's Center. For more information, visit www.vday.org, e-mail theviscoming@gmail.com, or call Cal Poly Women's Programs and Services at 805-756-2600.

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