Cal Poly Hosts ‘Vagina Monologues’ Benefit Performances Feb. 20-22

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Women Empowerment Team is sponsoring benefit performances of “The Vagina Monologues” in Chumash Auditorium on campus Feb. 20-22.

Show times for the Obie Award-winning play by Eve Ensler will be 6 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and 4 p.m. Feb. 22.

This year’s benefit will feature student performers and is part of the “V-Day” event celebrated during February at colleges and universities worldwide. “The ‘V’ in ‘V-Day’ stands for victory, valentine and vagina,” said event organizer and Women Empowerment Team President Cait Burkholder.

Proceeds from the performances will be donated to the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center and ReMember Week programs. The SARP Center and ReMember programs are dedicated to stopping violence against women and girls, Burkholder said.

Information booths will be set up in the University Union Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 17-19 to distribute information about violence against women in the Middle East and on safer sex.

“The Vagina Monologues” was called “funny and poignant” by The New York Times. The play’s frank language delves into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women’s experiences.

Tickets are $8 for students and $10 for the public. They are available at the door and in advance at Farmers’ Market, Fanny Wrappers in San Luis Obispo, and at the Cal Poly Women’s Center, upstairs in the University Union. Tickets may also be reserved online at the Women Empowerment Team Club Web site at http://wet.calpoly.edu.

For more information about V-Day, visit the Web site at www.vday.org.
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