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‘Monologues’ returns to help end domestic violence

Sacramento State’s 12th annual benefit production of The Vagina Monologues is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the University Union Ballroom. Proceeds will go to My Sister’s House, which helps women and children affected by domestic violence in Sacramento’s Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

The show, which has sold out every year, is sponsored by UNIQUE Programs, Active Minds, Alpha Phi Omega and Student Health and Counseling Services. It will be interpreted in American Sign Language.

Admission is $5 for Sac State students, $7 for students attending other colleges, and $10 for the general public. Buy tickets at www.eventbrite.com. For more information on the production, call (916) 278-6997 or visit www.SacStateUNIQUE.com.

The Vagina Monologues, an episodic play written by Eve Ensler, is presented in conjunction with V Day, a global effort to end violence against women. Productions such as this have raised more than $75 million for women’s anti-violence groups since 1998.

“We have participated in the V Day movement for 12 years, because the message of eradicating violence against women is pertinent to our campus and to our community in general,” says Jessica Heskin, the show’s producer and a health educator with Student Health and Counseling Services.

Keyko Torres-Oki, a Sacramento State alumna who performed in previous Monologue productions, will direct this year’s show.

“We have a casting call open to all students at Sac State,” says Heskin, “and a good portion of our cast has no acting experience, and many are freshmen. We are fortunate each year to have a cast that’s diverse in ethnicity, age, experience and body type. I think that’s what keeps the seats filled every year.”

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