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What Does your Vagina Say?

Local women perform the famous The Vagina Monologues in Saint Paul to raise awareness and funds to end violence against women and girls

ST. PAUL, Minn. – March 12, 2010 – This April, the V-Day global movement, that last year produced more than 4,200 benefit events in the U.S. and around the world, is touching St. Paul. All of these events are completely constructed by volunteer activists trying to educate people on the reality of violence that still takes place against women and girls by hosting productions of playwright and founder Eve Ensler’s award winning play, *The Vagina Monologues*. “Statistics say that a woman is abused every 15 seconds in the United States,” said Sarah Glover, St. Paul *Vagina Monologues* Director and Organizer. With assistance from The Actors Theater of Minnesota, three performances will be held in St. Paul and all of the proceeds raised will go straight to a local women’s shelter, Cornerstone of Minnesota.

The success of the V-Day performances completely depends on outside support, and the events obtain this because of how cutting-edge, yet touching the monologues are. The Actors Theater sees the strength in the V-Day mission and is sponsoring the St. Paul performances and lending its Cabaret Theater at CAMP Bar (490 North Robert Street Saint Paul, MN 55101) its space for its rehearsals and performances, completely free of charge. Even the performers are volunteering their time to putting on the show. “Each woman on stage in is here for a different reason. Some of us have been in abusive relationships; some of us have friends or family members in abusive relationships. Some are proud to say they've never experienced domestic abuse, but are here to keep fighting for that to be true,” said Glover. Special guests from the famous Klondike Kates will be in the St. Paul shows too! The St. Paul V-Day performances take place this April 22, 23 and 24 and will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14.00 each and each performance will hold a raffle.

V-Day has become a very successful and across the globe performances are held in different cities between the months of February and April. To date, the V-Day movement has raised more than \$70 million dollars and educated millions of viewers about the violence against women and the efforts to end it. V-Day has made a huge impact on the world in this area by:

- Crafting international educational
- Creating media and PSA campaigns
- Launching the Karama program in the Middle East
- Reopened shelters
- Funded over 11,000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Democratic Republic Of Congo, Haiti, Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq

For more information on the St. Paul performances or V-Day movement please contact Sarah Glover, Organizer and Director of the St. Paul *Vagina Monologues* shows at (612)747-7485 or by email at sa.glover@gmail.com, or please visit their website at www.vday.org. For tickets to the St. Paul shows, contact The Actors Theater of MN at (651)-290-2290

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