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Women invited to audition for presentation of *The Vagina Monologues*

Summary:

(February 2, 2005)-The Women's Resource Center (WRC) at the University of Minnesota, Morris invites women to audition for this year's benefit performance of *The Vagina Monologues*. This somewhat humorous, more often poignant presentation, is the brainchild of nationally renowned playwright Eve Ensler. The Monologues plays on many college campuses throughout Minnesota and the U.S. during the month of February to raise awareness of women's issues.

Both women who have never performed on a stage and those that live there are encouraged to audition all levels of experience are welcome.

"We'd like to see women from both the community and campus come and be part of this event, as the monologues reflect women from all walks of life," said Andrea Simonson, UMM student member of the Women's Resource Center.

Scripts will be available to check out at Rodney A. Briggs Library on the Morris campus, upon request, and also on the night of auditions. The monologues are sad, funny, heartwarming, and touching. Find one that speaks to you.

Auditions will be held in the Women's Resource Center (in the basement of the Student Center on the UMM campus) on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8-9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Participants will not be expected to memorize a monologue for an audition. A final cast will be determined on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Those who are cast will meet privately with the directors once or twice to go over their monologue. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 22-23. The cast will also hold a potluck on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Performances of *The Vagina Monologues* will be held in UMM's Edson Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26, during Women's Week at UMM. The Women's Resource Center has annually given the proceeds from these events to Someplace Safe, and will do so again this year.

If you have any questions or if you need directions or a script please e-mail the WRC at wrc@mrs.umn.edu.

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