

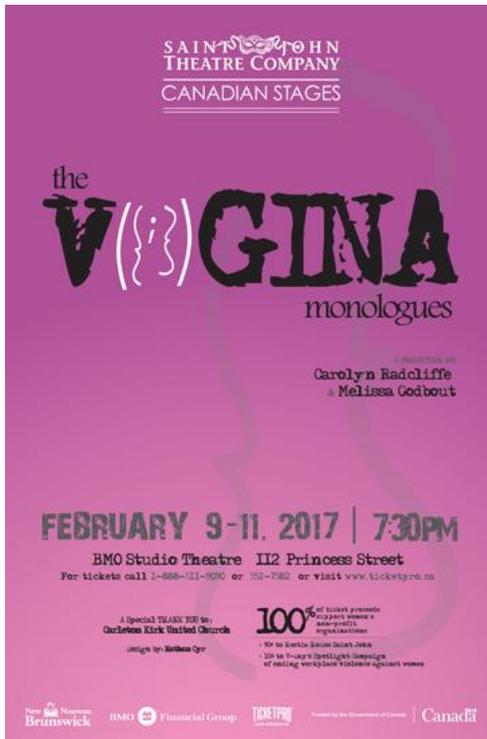
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# The Vagina Monologues

## Local Production Raises Funds for Women's Non-Profit Organizations

SAINT JOHN – This February local women will join forces to raise funds for women in need on a local and global scale. *The Vagina Monologues*, part of the SJTC Canadian Stages Series, will be staged at the BMO Studio Theatre February 9-11.



*The Vagina Monologues*, an award winning play written and originally performed by Eve Ensler, celebrates female sexuality through real women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability and sexual self-discovery. Coined the most important piece of political theatre of the last decade by the New York Times, the play has been performed all over the world. The play, made up of a number of monologues read by several women, deals with matters such as sex, love, rape, birth and orgasm.

The play has evolved into a global non-profit movement called V-day. The V-day movement has raised over 100 million for women's non-profit groups. Funds raised during the February performances at the BMO Studio Theatre will go towards women's non-profit organizations with 90% going locally to Hestia House and 10% going to V-Day's Spotlight campaign. This year the Spotlight campaign focuses on ending workplace violence towards women.

*"I have been involved with The Vagina Monologues for about 6 years. The way the show empowers women and creates a dialogue about women's issues is what I love most,"* adds Melissa Godbout, Co-Producer. *"You will no doubt learn something, develop a new type of understanding, feel empowered, passionate and hopefully be in awe of the vagina."*

The Canadian Stages Series is a showcase of professional-grade works from across the country and beyond. This year's line-up includes a range of works from light-hearted comedy to thought-provoking drama. For a full Canadian Stages line-up please visit: [www.saintjohntheatrecompany.com/performances](http://www.saintjohntheatrecompany.com/performances).

The SJTC would like to thank our Season Patron BMO Financial Group, Canadian Heritage, and The Province of New Brunswick for their continued support of the Canadian Stages Series.

Tickets are \$22.50, \$15 for students. To purchase please visit: [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or phone 1-888-311-9090.

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