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**On Tuesday**  
Powerful presence,  
graceful words:  
Maya Angelou  
comes to the  
University.

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Adam Amato Emerald

Students participating in 'The Vagina Monologues' warm up before a rehearsal in the EMU Ballroom Tuesday night.

## Viva la 'vulva-lution'

The UO Cultural Forum is hosting 'The Vagina Monologues,' a celebration of women's bodies, to enlighten and fundraise for organizations working to end violence against women

**Helen Schumacher**  
Pulse Reporter

Boyfriends and girlfriends won't be the only ones showered with affection this Valentine's Day. The UO Cultural Forum is making sure vaginas everywhere feel loved this week, when it showcases "The Vagina Monologues."

Cultural Forum Performing Arts Coordinator Windy Borman called the play a collection of interviews author Eve Ensler conducted with women from all over the world about their vaginas.

"It's a topic that anyone can relate to in one way or another, whether you have a vagina or know someone that has a vagina," Borman said.

Performances will be 8 p.m. Feb. 13-15 in the EMU Ballroom. Tickets for Thursday's showing and opening night gala are \$10 for students and \$12 general admission, available at the UO Ticket Office. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 general admission the other two nights.

Borman was able to bring the play to the University because of the V-Day organization, which makes the play available royalty-free for campus groups if profits are donated to organizations working to end violence against women. Proceeds from the University shows will benefit Womenspace, Sexual Assault Support Services and the ASUO Women's Center.

Although this is the fourth consecutive year the Cultural Forum is presenting the show, it is the first year "Monologues" will be performed as part of V-Week.

Workshops will discuss topics such as how to support friends or family in abusive relationships and compare reproductive

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## Martini, love potions mix up sweet romance

Eugene serves up everything from music to massage to add some sugar and spice to Valentine's Day

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Eugene will transform into a mecca of entertainment Valentine's Day, bursting at the seams with everything from an independent film festival to a night at the symphony. The local arts scene will offer something for everyone Feb. 14, whether students will be flying solo or stuck to their sweeties like glue.

Foolscap Books, located at 780 Blair Blvd., will host Valentine's Night Out, a colorful event catering both to couples and the unattached.

"It's going to be a sort of romantic evening," proprietress Marietta Bonaventure said. "We're just going to make it look beautiful and romantic. It's a safe place for singles, as well."

Bonaventure said the event begins at 9 p.m. — to give people a chance to go out to dinner first. A swirl of music, dance and poetry will set the Valentine's Day mood. Local tango band Mood Area 52 is slated to perform its traditional and original tango music, followed by an erotic poetry open mic session. Bonaventure said everyone is welcome to participate, and poets can sign up any time.

"You never know what to expect," Bonaventure said. "People read stuff that they would not read at a normal reading."

The night out will also feature chair massage and an "Altar to Aphrodite," as well as love potions and aphrodisiac truffles for sale. Admission will be a \$4 to \$6 sliding scale.

Cafe Paradiso will also offer an intimate atmosphere for lovers and loners, with Trio Slavej performing at 8 p.m. The group, composed of two University faculty members and a University student from Bulgaria, plays Balkan folk music from Macedonia, Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania, as well as the Roma people of the region.

Carol Silverman, associate professor of cultural anthropology and folklore, performs vocals with Trio Slavej. She said the event will be appropriate for Valentine's Day.

"The repertoire that we do is very much based on love themes," Silverman said.

She added that the song's tones range from jubilation to disappointment.

"You kind of have the whole spectrum," Silverman said.

Silverman said the performance will include lively dancing, and the show is for people of all ages. The price is \$7 general admission or \$5 with a student ID card.

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Courtesy

The Eugene Symphony Valentine Special will feature eclectic group Pink Martini at the Hult Center on February 14.