

# FOCUS

## Dance Companies Serve Up Mix

Eight Portland area dance companies will unite across studio lines to present an amazing show of versatility, power and artistry for one spectacular evening. The show titled "Co.Lab 2.05.05" will feature a diverse representation of dance, from the veteran beauty of ballet Mistress Candalee Wrede to the raw hip-hop edge of Trent Barry and the Portland Dance Project. Performances from Extreme, Shades of Mohagane, Dance Evolve, the "street-trained" b-boys Dorian Tanase and Ra Boogie, among others, promise to hold viewers on the edge of their seat and leave them dreaming of future productions.

The performance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Royal Durst Theatre on the Vancouver School of the Arts and Academics, 2101 Main St. Tickets are \$15 and are available through Ticketwest.com.

*Vancouver's Royal Durst Theatre will host dancers from eight studio lines during a special performance on Saturday.*

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## 'The Vagina Monologues' Celebrates V-Day

*IFCC presents a benefit production of Eve Ensler play*

In celebration of V-Day, IFCC Storytellerz Readers Theater presents a benefit production of Eve Ensler's acclaimed play "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 13 and 14. The performance will raise awareness to stop violence against women and girls and will raise funds for Sisters in Action for Power and Le Femmes Prospectives 2005 "Love Me Don't Hurt Me" Domestic Violence and Outreach Program.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY SIX21PIX  
The featured cast of IFCC Storytellerz Readers Theater's "Vagina Monologues" production includes, left to right, Francesca Sanders, Shukura Mitchell, Miss LaVerne, Helen Raptis, Darcelle, Terese Brazzle, Shawnti Eaden, Olga Sanchez and Sharon Martini. Chanda Watts is not pictured.

V-Day is a global movement to act as a catalyst in promoting awareness and fund-raising for programs that help stop violence against women and girls.

In its first seven years, the V-Day movement has raised over \$25 million toward the cause. The "V" in V-Day stands for victory, valentine and vagina. IFCC will hold performances of

"Vagina Monologues," with opening comedy by Gail Hand, on Sunday, Feb. 13 and Monday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 general, \$12 students and seniors. For reservations, call 503-823-4322.

## 'Judge Mathis' Show vignettes feature historical icons

### Honors Black History Month

(AP) - CNN founder Ted Turner has called the Fox television network a "propaganda voice" of the Bush administration and compared Fox News Channel's popularity to Adolf Hitler's rise in Germany before World War II.

Turner, in a speech Tuesday to the National Association of Television Programming Executives, also targeted "gigantic companies whose agenda goes beyond broadcasting" for timidity in challenging the Bush White House.

"There's one network, Fox, that's a propaganda voice for them," the cable news pioneer said. "It's certainly legal. But it does pose problems for our democracy when the news is 'dumbed-down.'"

Fox News in New York issued a statement saying, "Ted is understandably bitter having lost his ratings, his network and now his mind - we wish him well."

Turner, 66, stepped down as vice chairman of AOL Time Warner in May 2003.

During a question-and-answer session moderated by former CNN anchorman Bernard Shaw, Turner called it "not necessarily a bad thing" that Fox ratings top CNN and other cable news networks.

"Adolf Hitler was more popular in Germany in the early '30s than ... people that were running against him," Turner said in remarks videotaped by conference administrators. "So just because you're bigger doesn't mean you're right."

Convention spokeswoman Michelle Mikoljak said the association had no comment about Turner's comments.

Turner heads an Atlanta-based philanthropic and business empire.

During the month of February, "Judge Mathis" will air in-show vignettes celebrating the achievements of African-Americans, specifically modern-day history makers who have left an indelible footprint on American history. Dr. Mae Jemison, Robert

L. Johnson and Sidney Poitier will be mentioned.

"Judge Mathis" celebrates these great leaders of our time who are an integral part of our history and the show salutes their contributions.



Judge Mathis

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