

THE Abortion Monologues

is Coming to Toronto for a
One-Night-Only Staged Reading at Alumnae Theatre

TORONTO, ON - The controversial play *The Abortion Monologues* arrives in Toronto on June 20th, 2010, in the lead up to the G8 and G20 summits.

The Abortion Monologues focuses on women who share the stories of their abortions and, in the process, reveal the details of their lives, families and relationships. This funny, uncompromising and thought-provoking play stands in counterpoint to reality where women seldom publicly discuss this common and difficult choice.

The Abortion Monologues premiered in Portland, Oregon, in April 2009 to a large audience, many of whom work as abortion providers in clinics throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico. Vicki Saporta, CEO of the National Abortion Federation, said, "*The Abortion Monologues* gives a voice to **the perspectives of real women who are all too often missing from the public debate**. These powerful monologues have the potential to change the way people talk about abortion." For more information about the play please visit www.abortionmonologues.com.

This premiere will serve as a **benefit performance** for two organizations at the forefront of women's health: **Planned Parenthood**, entering its 50th anniversary year, and **Choice in Health** which, through its Debby Copes' Access Fund, provides assistance to women who do not have access to health insurance.

Alumnae Theatre's mandate is threefold: to produce works that offer strong roles for women; to produce works that are not often seen in Toronto; and to produce works that are written by Canadians. And whether it's the mandate, or whether it's the shows, or whether it's because of our joyful, unadulterated tenacity, we've been doing it for so long that we're closing what is our 90th consecutive season with this Toronto premiere of *The Abortion Monologues* by **Canadian playwright Jane Cawthorne**. We are delighted that **Jane Cawthorne will be in attendance for the performance and talk-back session**.

For **interviews** with Jane Cawthorne or with the show's producers, Dinah Watts, PJ Hammond, Lynne Patterson or Tabitha Keast, please contact Alumnae Theatre's Marketing Coordinator, Tina McCulloch, at 416-967-4416 or at marketing@alumnaetheatre.com

One Night Only • June 20th, 2010 @ 8:00pm

Alumnae Theatre • 70 Berkeley Street, Toronto

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