



Wednesday, February 5, 2003

## 'for colored girls' at Varner Studio Theatre

Oakland's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** presents Ntozake Shange's choreopoem, "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf," Feb. 7 through 16 at Varner Studio Theatre.

The event is part of the university's African-American Celebration Month and features an all-African-American student cast. OU Professor Karen Sheridan is the director. OU African Dance Instructor Lisa McCall is the choreographer.

"for colored girls" debuted to critical acclaim on Broadway in 1976. In poetic dialogue, it explores the experience of women of color, blending passion, bitterness, honesty and ironic humor. Ultimately, its message is affirming. Please note that its subject matter is for mature audiences.

The Oakland University cast includes Scheherazade Berry, Soyini Cowan and Angela Gary (Detroit); My-Ishia Cason-Brown (Redford); Sherita Humphrey (Flint); Joi Olden (Oak Park); and Krysty Swann.

Performance dates and times are as follows: Feb. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m., Feb. 11 and 12 at 10 a.m., and Feb. 15 and 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students, except for the 10 a.m. matinee, which is \$5 for all seats.

Tickets can be purchased at the Varner Box Office by calling (248) 370-3013, all Ticketmaster outlets by calling (248) 645-6666, through the **Ticketmaster** Web site, or at the door one hour before each performance. Seating is limited. Reservations are recommended.

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