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THEATRE UNBOUND SMACKDOWN 2016: NOW WITH LADY PARTS

Annual 24:00:00 Xtreme Theatre Smackdown features Cosmic Vulva

(Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota) Theatre Unbound's 2016 edition of the raucously popular **24:00:00 Xtreme Theatre Smackdown** will feature a guest appearance by Raw Sugar Theatre's **Cosmic Vulva**, a human-sized soft-sculpture vagina and "friend to all, giving sexual and life advice to anyone in need," according to Raw Sugar's **Jenny Moeller**. This one-night-only performance will take place 8:00 PM Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Anne Simley Theatre at Hamline University in St. Paul.

The Smackdown, Theatre Unbound's signature annual extravaganza, combines an Xtreme sports atmosphere with the artistic pressure-cooker of a 24-hour play event. "Are the plays the best ever written in the English language?" **Dominic Papatola** rhetorically inquired of the 2014 Smackdown. "Perhaps not, but necessity -- and adrenaline -- can be the mother of some pretty nifty invention."

Past Smackdowns were hosted by masked wrestler **Crushinator the Corset-Buster**, since retired. When asked to speculate about the Cosmic Vulva's upcoming Smackdown participation, Crushinator says, "Will she wrestle? We don't know yet. **It just wouldn't be the Smackdown without a lot of sweat, a few tears and the threat of blood.** Anyhow, she will definitely be available for photos in the lobby."

HOW IT WORKS

In December, we invite the general public to visit www.theatreunbound.com to vote among ingredients such as a line of dialog, a prop, a character name, or a stage direction. The winning ingredients must be included in each Smackdown script. On the evening of Friday, January 8, we will reveal these winning ingredients to six teams of two playwrights, who will write through the night. At 5:00 AM on Saturday January 9th, we gather up all the scripts – ready or not – and assign them a director and cast. Rehearsals take place throughout the day, with technical rehearsals skidding to a halt just in time for the performance at 8:00 PM.

FACT SHEET

Theatre Unbound Presents

24:00:00 Xtreme Theatre Smackdown 2016

More than 40 playwrights, directors and actors create and perform 6 new short plays featuring women theatre artists in the span of 24 hours.

Location

Hamline University – Anne Simley Theatre
1536 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul

Date/Time

One Night Only
Saturday, January 9, 2016
8:00 PM

Tickets

General admission: \$20
Student/Senior at the door: \$15
612-721-1186

<http://www.theatreunbound.com/tickets/tickets.shtml>

About Theatre Unbound

Theatre Unbound is one of a dozen or so women's theatre companies across the nation working to shrink the gender gap on America's stages. Others include Airmid Theatre in Long Island, NY; Venus Theatre in Laurel, MD; Babes with Blades in Chicago, IL; Echo Theatre in Dallas, TX; Looking for Lilith Theatre Company in Louisville, KY; and The Women's Project in New York, NY.

Theatre Unbound delivers thought-provoking live theatre conceived and created by women, providing audiences with engaging, rarely-seen perspectives on issues that are relevant and universal.

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