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C H A P M A N U N I V E R S I T Y

Ain't I A Woman, Feb. 17

SPECIAL EVENT/THEATRE Tuesday, February 17 Waltmar Theatre *Ain't I a Woman!* 7 p.m.

The Core Ensemble (Tahirah Whittington, cello; Hugh Hinton, piano and Michael Parola, percussion) with actress Shinnerrie Jackson will perform the music theatre piece Ain't I a Woman! at Chapman University's Waltmar Theatre. The work is the latest in a series of multicultural and feminist performance pieces produced by the ensemble over the past ten years. Ain't I a Woman! is presented by Chapman University Women's Studies in honor of Black History Month and Women's History Month, and sponsored by Associated Students, Peace Studies, Student Affairs, the Department of Sociology, and the Department of History. Ain't I a Woman! celebrates the life and times of four powerful African American women: renowned novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, ex-slave and fiery abolitionist Sojourner Truth, exuberant folk artist Clementine Hunter, and fervent civil rights worker Fannie Lou Hamer. The musical score is drawn from the heartfelt spirituals and blues of the Deep South, the urban vitality of the Jazz Age, and contemporary concert music by African Americans. Ain't I a Woman! is a joyful exploration of the trials and triumphs of four passionate and accomplished women. Admission is free and open to the Chapman community and the public. The Waltmar Theatre is located at the corner of Palm and Center streets in Orange. For map and driving directions, visit: http://www.chapman.edu/map. Information: 714-997-6621, stroop@chapman.edu or magliola@chapman.edu.