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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL --A play titled "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf" will be given at Eastern Illinois University on Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

Sponsors are the Performing Arts Committee and the Human Potential Committee of the University Board. Tickets for the general public are priced at \$3 and may be purchased at the Union Box Office.

The play is described as a "celebration of being black and being woman in a series of startling scenes, many danced and sung, but most spoken with simple directness and fierce passion. "For Colored Girls" spotlights seven "sisters," their tasks, trials and loving moments.

The production "is filled with music--jazz, soul, salsa. The piece also speaks of simple things, of jealousy and friendship, of childhood dreams, and the exhilarating release in dancing. But it always returns to its ultimate theme: the black woman's capacity to master pain and betrayals with courage, with, and reckless daring."

Written by Ntozake Shange, a young black poet, the play opened on Broadway in 1976.