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TWU Theatre Presents **The Long March**

Texas Woman's University brings **The Long March** to Denton, TX . The show will run February 10 at 4:00 pm, February 12 at 8:00 pm and February 13 at 2:00 pm. All performances will take place at Margo Jones Auditorium, located on the TWU campus, in the Music/Drama Building at Oakland and Sawyer.

The Long March , an original play written by Irish playwright Martin Maguire, is the result of an international collaboration between TWU and the Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin , Ireland that began in October 2004. TWU students from a variety of disciplines worked with improvisation during the initial stage of the project under the direction of the Gaiety School 's Artistic Director, Patrick Sutton. This work served as Maguire's source of inspiration in writing **The Long March** . The cast visited Ireland for three weeks during the winter break to rehearse and perform the play at the SS Michael and John Theatre in Temple Bar, Dublin .

Hailed by The Irish Times as "fresh and energetic," **The Long March** tells the powerful story of a tribe of outcasts searching for a sense of belonging. The tumultuous lives of one family of women take center stage in the tradition of performance art, offering a moving examination of prejudice and tolerance along the way. TWU professor Michael Scudday will restage **The Long March** for the TWU run while reproducing the dynamic lighting design he created for the Dublin production. TWU's Coordinator of Choral Activities, Dr. Susan Stewart, underscores the play with live music full of tribal percussion, cello and intriguing melodies to make a dynamic production. Collecting small mementos along their journey, Maguire's characters inhabit Nic Carbonero's minimalist set and Casey Bellows folk-inspired costumes with simple but dazzling effect.

The acting ensemble includes: Haley Baldwin (Arlington, TX); Casey Bellows (Rio Vista, TX); D'Lytha Brown (Fort Worth, TX); Dominic Carbonero (Monticello, AR); Ben Derby (Denton, TX); Ruth Ann Engel (Keene, TX); Victoria Irvine (Garland, TX); Jeff Kaplan (Gaithersburg Maryland); Amanda Kidd Kelts (Millarville, Alberta Canada); Sashenka Lopez (); Sasha Truman-McGonnell (Ada, Oklahoma); Joshua Scott Hancock (Kilgore, TX); Frances Chantel-Seman (El Campo, Texas); Camille Thompson (Fort Worth, TX); Macy Thornton(Arlington, TX);

Musicians include: Sashenka Lopez (); Dr. Tony Medlin (Durham , North Carolina); Dr. Susan Stewart (Campbellsville , Kentucky).

Production staff includes: Stage Manager Meredith Thomas (Grand Prairie , TX); Costume Designer Casey Bellows (Rio Vista, TX); Set Designer Dominic Carbonero (Monticello , AR); Props Mistress Amanda Kelts (Millarville , Alberta Canada); Technical Director Jerry Dawson (Arlington , TX).

For Ticket Reservations and other information, contact the TWU Theatre Box Office at (940) 898-2020. Ticket Prices are \$5 for students/senior citizens and \$10 for adults.