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## **Guerrilla Girls On Tour play the Manship Theatre**

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Some Baton Rouge feminists went ape Tuesday evening over comedic performers "The Guerrilla Girls On Tour."

The Guerrilla Girls On Tour brought "Feminists are Funny" to an almost full auditorium in the Manship Theatre. The 7:30 p.m. show covered the controversial issue of discrimination.

"The Guerrilla Girls on Tour are internationally renowned for their innovative and politically minded interactive theatre presentations," said Jessica Kemp, Women's Center manager. "They are both entertaining and educational, and their focus is on promoting activism and leadership."

The event was held to honor the 100th anniversary of women being admitted to at LSU. "The class of 1906-'07 was the first to officially admit women, so the 2006-2007 school year marks the 100th anniversary of this important moment of social progress," Kemp said.

The show featured four women of the 20 member coed cast that wore gorilla masks throughout the performance.

"All Guerilla Girls on Tour take on the names of dead women artists, and when they appear in public, they wear masks to conceal their true identities," according to the Guerrilla Girls program. "We do this to focus on the issues of discrimination and racism rather than on our own personalities and to keep the 'herstory' of women artists from fading into the footnotes and back pages of the history books."

Guerrilla Girl On Tour "Aphra Behn" would not release her real name or take off her mask in order to take the focus off her own identity. "Behn" said The Guerilla Girls On Tour rehearse before each tour usually around the months of March and April, during black history month and women's history month. "We do a lot of ad-libbing in each show, which include hot topics in the media," said "Behn." "Behn" said the show takes away the stigmatism of feminism by creating a funny atmosphere.

"It was very eye-opening," said Ashli Dykes, English graduate teacher. "Even though it was preaching to the converted, it showed students that feminism isn't necessarily a dirty word." Dykes said she felt the show was a positive education tool, and men should feel more welcome there. "I don't know why other men weren't here," said Jeremie Janise, philosophy senior. "I thought it was fun and light-hearted."

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