Embracing the Female Voice in Our Society

Theatre is the perfect vehicle of empathy. It has allowed Deborah Randall to explore many worlds with varying points of view. Immersion into other worlds changes the experience of life. Experiencing theatre as an audience member, finding ways to support it by embracing living playwrights from all over the world, and executing the journey with artistic teams and direction have allowed Deb to create Venus Theatre at the Venus Theatre Play Shack.

Deborah is an award winning writer, director, and actor. Come listen to her talk about her entrepreneurial journey from UMBC to becoming founder of her own theatre.

**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**
**12:00 - 1:00pm - PUP 105**

**Presented by**
Alex Brown Center for Entrepreneurship

**Presents**
The Raymond V. Haysbert, Sr. Entrepreneurship Lecture

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**Presenter:**
Deborah Randall
Artistic Director/Founder Venus Theatre

**Educational background:**
- BA, Theatre, Dance Minor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**Work experience:**
- Founder of Venus Theatre, 2001

**Awards/memberships:**
- Outstanding Alumna of the Year for Visual and Performing Arts, 2012
- Play of the Year, DC Metro Theatre Arts, 2012
- Actress of the Year, DC Metro Theatre Arts, 2012
- Director of the Year, DC Metro Theatre Arts, 2012
- Helen Hayes Recommended (numerous), 2010
- Helen Hayes Theatre Artist Award, 2009
- Curve Magazine Play of the year Awards, 2005, 2004
- American Theatre Critics Award Nomination, 2004
- American Express Award, 2002

**Speaker Series**
The Entrepreneurship Speaker Series provides a monthly platform for successful entrepreneurs to candidly share their experiences and insights with UMBC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Baltimore business community. The series highlights experiences, lessons learned, and unique issues and challenges faced by entrepreneurs in the creation of a new enterprise.

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