

Press Release

## **“WOUNDED TO DEATH”**

**The monologues on femicide by Serena Dandini arrive in Tbilisi**

At Marjanishvili State Drama Theatre, on Tuesday October 28th

*More than one third of the female population in the world is a victim of physical or sexual violence; for many of them violence is perpetrated by the partner, as stated by the UN report published by the UN World Health Organization (WHO) last June.*

The Italian Embassy in Georgia is pleased to announce the theatrical performance **“Wounded to Death”**, a project on raising awareness on the topic of violence against women. The performance will be held at **Marjanishvili State Drama Theatre on Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.**

The show will feature some of Georgia’s most famous and high-profile women, who will be on stage to read the stories and give new voices to those women who lost their lives at the hand of a husband, a partner, a lover or an “ex-partner”.

“Wounded to Death” is based on a collection of monologues following the model of the famous *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters. The texts are written by famous Italian TV personality and author Serena Dandini, with the cooperation of Maura Misiti, researcher at CNR (Italian National Research Council). The texts are inspired by real stories and by journalistic investigations.

The show provides an opportunity to reflect on this important issue by involving the public opinion, the media and the institutions. It has gained enormous success internationally, with performances being held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and also in Washington D.C., Brussels, London, and Geneva.

In Tbilisi, the performance will go on stage in Italian, Georgian and English. The monologues will be read by a select cast of readers, among them women from show business and of the world of culture but also representatives of institutions and civil society.

Together with Ambassador of Italy to Georgia **Federica Favi**, the cast comprises: **Ana Areshidze, Maia Asatiani, Tamar Beruchashvili, Maka Chichua, Lana Gogoberidze, Manana Kobakhidze, Erika Kvapilova, Eka Mishveladze, Maia Panjikidze, Natia Panjikidze, Rusudan Petviashvili, Turk Pirjo, Nino Sukhishvili, Nino Surguladze, Eka Tkeshelashvili, Tea Tsulukiani.**

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