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**American Southwest Theatre Company and NMSU Department of Theatre Arts  
present *In The Time of the Butterflies***

*In the Time of the Butterflies* by Caridad Svich, based on the novel by Julia Alvarez, is the next offering of the American Southwest Theatre Company and the NMSU Department of Theatre Arts. The play is inspired by the true story of the Mirabel sisters who stood up to the ruthless government of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic of the 1960's.

According to the show's director, Larissa Lurey, "the sister's story will be told through unique and poetic visuals, powerful storytelling and humor. Svich's adaptation of Julia Alvarez' novel brings new life to a family of characters who feel familiar, and yet who become extraordinary." The cast of NMSU theatre students includes: Stephanie Vasquez-Fonseca, Stephanie Drake, Parygryne Cox, Daniela Castorena and Joey Rodriguez. DACC theatre instructor Monika Mojika joins the students. The set and lighting design is by Jim Billings, costumes by Deb Brunson and sound by Matt Reynolds.

Dates for *In the Time of the Butterflies* are Feb. 26 through March 13. Preview night performance on Feb. 25 is free to high school students. There will be an informal discussion with the cast and crew following the performance. Tickets are \$10-17 and are available at the Center for the Arts Box office Monday through Friday between the hours of 12- 4p.m. or by calling 646-4515 or 646-1420. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:00p.m. Sundays. Following the opening night performance on Feb 26, there will be a reception sponsored by the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Christa Slaton. This production contains adult content.