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Silk Road Theatre Project

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The Reviews are In *Chicago Loves Yohen!*

"There's no easy answers in relationships undergoing change, and *Yohen's* peeping-through-the-blinds view of this one, created by Hamada and Perry's full investment in their characters, is ultimately both devastatingly truthful and naturally etched." **Three Stars - RECOMMENDED**
--Megan Powell, *Time Out Chicago*



"an intimate emotional rendering...vivid and filled with character...Cheryl Hamada (Sumi) and Ernest Perry Jr. (James) deliver engaging performances with compelling chemistry...Lee Keenan creates splendid authenticity and subtle depth with his excellent set design and Robert Steel's original composition and sound design is truly lovely and evocative...Don't miss this charmingly bittersweet personal portrait." **3 1/2 Stars**
--Venus Zarris, *Chicago Stage*

"Gotanda expertly orchestrates Sumi and James's verbal dances to gradually unveil their flawed, complex characters...Ernest Perry Jr. and Cheryl Hamada transcend...lovingly

Yohen Production Photo

exposing the tragedy of a good marriage gone wrong."

--Laura Molzahn, *Chicago Reader*

"For its tenth show, the Silk Road Theatre Project has collaborated with the Goodman Theatre to present Philip Kan Gotanda's beautiful and powerful love story, *Yohen*, directed by the acclaimed and charming Steve Scott...*Yohen* is filled with emotion, love and the balance between need and rational thinking...Their love is so pure, innocent and strong that none of the hysteria and racism they generate both in Japan with Sumi's family or in America has any meaning." **THREE STARS**
--Ruth Smerling, *Steadstyle Chicago*

"*Yohen* is a poignant and truthful love story...marvelously performed by Cheryl Hamada and Ernest Perry, Jr." **RECOMMENDED**
--*ChicagoCritic.com*

All photos by Michael Brosilow of Cheryl Hamada and Ernest Perry, Jr. in Silk Road Theatre Project's production of Philip Kan Gotanda's *Yohen*, Directed by Steve Scott.

THE MIDWEST PREMIERE

YOHEN

By Philip Kan Gotanda
Directed by Steve Scott

Featuring

Cheryl Hamada as Sumi Ernest Perry, Jr. as James

Through November 2, 2008

A divorced Japanese woman and an African-American GI meet in post-World War II Japan and fall in love. After decades of struggle, they have found an accepting Los Angeles suburb to call home--but their peaceful world is changing. More than a study of clashing cultures, *Yohen* is the poetic, resonant story of two partners who discover that intimate relationships change with environments--and love, however time-tested, is never constant.

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PLAYWRIGHT PHILIP KAN GOTANDA

Philip Kan Gotanda is heralded as both a great American dramatist and a pioneering artist in the cross-cultural theatre movement. His plays are performed and studied across the US as well as internationally. Gotanda is a recipient of the Guggenheim Award and several other prestigious honors and awards.

Silk Road Sojourns

TV Show, Magazine, Podcast Launched

Sojourns Podcast

Brief discussions of Silk Road Theatre Project, Philip Kan Gotanda, and *Yohen* by Artistic Director

Jamil Khoury. [Subscribe via iTunes](#). [Direct Download](#). The podcast will also be on iPods available for check-out in the theatre lobby.

Sojourns Magazine

Mailed in print form to SRTP subscribers and donors, Sojourns Magazine includes a column by Artistic Director Jamil Khoury and thought-provoking articles by the literary staff, in an accessible format. **Volume I, Issue I:** "A Voice of One's Own," "James, Sumi, and the American Experience," and "Up Close and Personal" with Philip Kan Gotanda. [Read Online](#).

Sojourns TV Show

In-depth discussion with SRTP artists, hosted by Artistic Director Jamil Khoury and Executive Director Malik Gillani. All airings on CAN-TV Channel 21. **Episode 1** with guest Philip Kan Gotanda airs Sun., Oct. 19th, 7:30pm, and Thu., Oct. 23rd, 10:30pm. **Episode 2** with guests Cheryl Hamada and Ernest Perry, Jr. airs Sun., Oct. 26th, 7:30pm, and Thu., Oct. 30th, 10:30pm.

Blog

The Silk Road Theatre Project blog includes thoughts from the artistic staff and production notes. [Read Online](#).

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Before the Show, After the Show

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YOHEN

By Philip Kan Gotanda, September 18 to November 2, 2008

PANGS OF THE MESSIAH

By Motti Lerner, February 19 to April 5, 2009

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--The Chicago Reader

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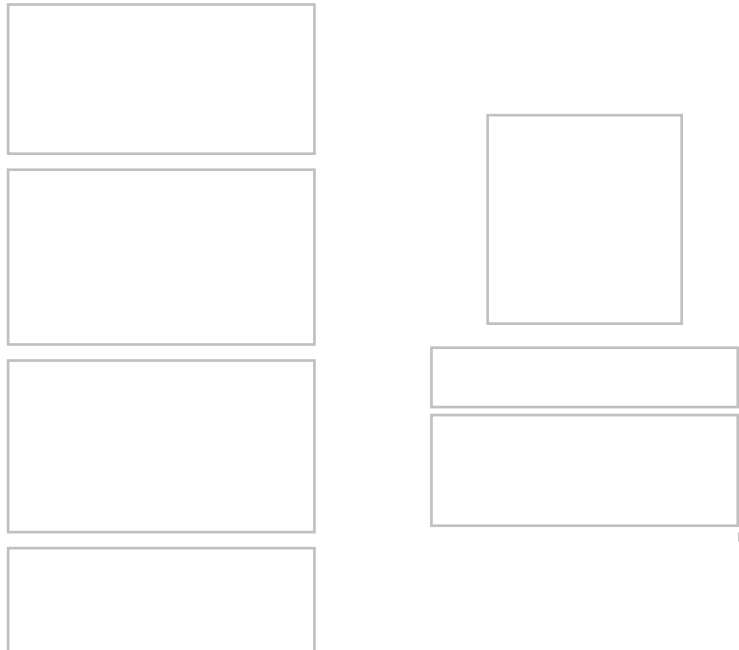
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Silk Road Theatre Project is within one to three blocks of all major CTA "el" and subway lines, and is accessible by several major bus routes. For CTA information call 312-836-7000 or visit www.transitchicago.com. The theatre is also accessible by city and suburban Metra Train lines. For Metra information call 312-322-6777 or visit www.metrail.com.

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