


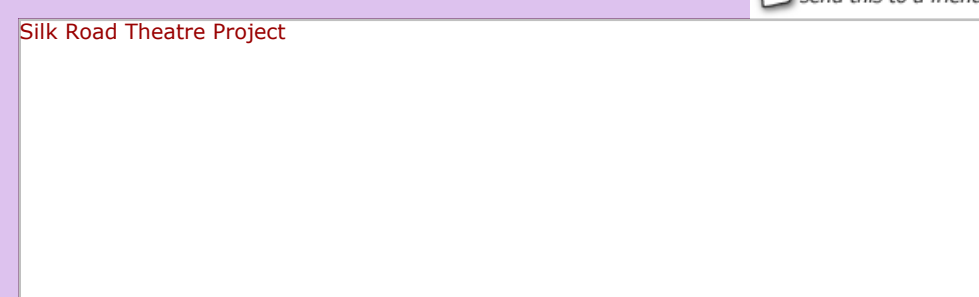
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Final Two Weeks to See *Yohen*

Must Close Sunday, November 2

"devastatingly truthful and naturally etched."
Three Stars - RECOMMENDED
 --Megan Powell, *Time Out Chicago*

"an intimate emotional rendering...vivid and filled with character" **3 1/2 Stars**
 --Venus Zarris, *Chicago Stage Review*

"Ernest Perry Jr. and Cheryl Hamada transcend...lovingly exposing the tragedy of a good marriage gone wrong."
 --Laura Molzahn, *Chicago Reader*



Photo of Ernest Perry, Jr. and Cheryl Hamada by Michael Brosilow.

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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To purchase tickets, visit www.srtp.org or call TheaterMania at 866-811-4111.



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 Premieres This Week

Episode 1 Thursday, 10:30pm on Channel 21

The premiere episode of Silk Road Sojourns the TV show, featuring *Yohen* playwright Philip Kan Gotanda, was shown last Sunday on CAN-TV Channel 21, and will be replayed this coming Thursday the 23rd at 10:30pm. Episode 2, featuring *Yohen* stars Cheryl Hamada and Ernest Perry, Jr. will play Sunday the 26th at 7:30pm and Thursday the 30th at 10:30pm. The show will also be available at www.srtp.org/sojourns in the coming weeks.

More Sojourns Online

Also visit www.srtp.org/sojourns for the Sojourns companion magazine, blog, and podcast, all available for free online. Or, [click here](#) to subscribe to the podcast via iTunes.

Middle East America Award Announced

Adriana Sevan Receives Distinguished Playwright Award; Special Jury Prizes to Leila Buck and Sinan Unel

Silk Road Theatre Project has partnered with San Francisco's Golden Thread Productions and New York City's Lark Play Development Center to create Middle East America, a commissioning program for playwrights of Middle Eastern American heritage. Last week the partnering organizations announced the selection of Adriana Sevan as the inaugural recipient of the award, with additional Special Jury Prizes awarded to Leila Buck and Sinan Unel. The first of its kind, this prize provides a \$10,000 commission for Sevan to write a new play, intensive developmental support from the Lark, staged readings and possible productions at Golden Thread and Silk Road, and travel funds to be present at all stages of



Distinguished Playwright Adriana Sevan

the process.

Sevan is an American artist of Armenian, Dominican, and Basque ancestry. About the award, Adriana says, "What a blessing to have a trinity of theatres so committed to the heart of my unwritten play, eager to share their wisdom and resources, provide a nurturing community, and help the seeds of my story to grow." About Sevan's proposed new work, the Artistic Director of Silk Road Theatre Project Jamil Khoury says, "This exciting first commission promises to enrich the cannon of American theatre and our understanding of Middle Eastern Americans. Adriana plans to conduct research exploring themes of family, atrocity, migration, and memory, including the untold stories of the Turkish Schindlers who helped Armenians survive their Ottoman tormentors. The play is inspired by Adriana's grandparents who survived the Armenian genocide before fleeing to the shores of New England."

Argo Tea Thursdays

Before the Show, After the Show

Every Thursday enjoy complimentary teas from across the Silk Road compliments of Argo Tea!

William El-Gardi in Yasser

October 28 to November 8 at Chopin Theatre

Yasser is a young, idealistic Palestinian actor living in Europe. Before going onstage to play Shylock, the archetypal Jew in *The Merchant of Venice*, he's torn between his Palestinian identity and the role. He'd really rather play Arafat or Yitzhak Rabin, as he did as a young boy in Palestine. He also has been robbed of all his props to perform onstage and dumped by his girlfriend. It's an hour before curtain but where is his nose? Maneuvering through the roles, he discovers that the Arab understands Shylock better than anyone else: can anyone really cut a pound of flesh without spilling blood? More information www.i-fest.com.

Follow the Silk Road to the Only Boutique Theatre in the Loop

Silk Road Theatre Project's performance venue is a beautiful and comfortable, fully-equipped, 99-seat flexible "brown box" theatre in Pierce Hall, located in The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 West Washington Street (corner of Washington & Clark), right in the heart of Chicago's burgeoning Loop theatre district.

VENUE

"An elegantly lit, marble-floored, brass-and-oak-trimmed theater complex, compatible with the [building's] neo-French Gothic Architecture."
--The Chicago Reader

PARKING

Only \$6 for Silk Road patrons

System Parking at 230 West Washington Street, at the northeast corner of Washington and Franklin streets, just three blocks west of the theatre. Be sure to ask the box office attendant for a parking coupon.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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.metra.com.



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