

Hello Friend Olympian Sammy Lee practiced diving in sand. [View Online](#) Or [Forward](#) to a friend.



## ***Penuel: The Sammy Lee Story*** **This Weekend Only!**

Written by David Rhee - Directed by Steve Scott

"Kid, you're gonna learn how to dive the right way, and if you can't come to the pool, we'll make the pool come to us." — Coach Jim Ryan, *Penuel: The Sammy Lee Story*

Playwright and actor David Rhee brings us into the world of Olympic gold medalist and diver, Dr. Sammy Lee—the struggles, barriers and triumphs for a Korean American en-route to making his Olympic dreams a reality.

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

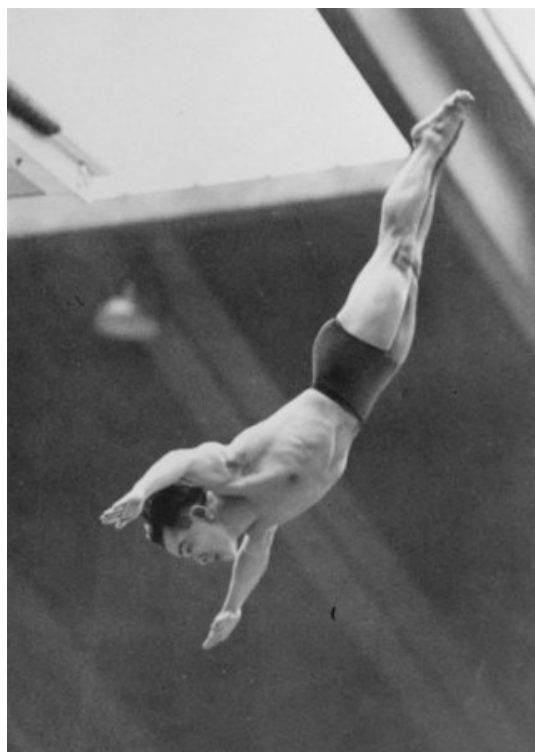
Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 4 PM

Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 4 PM

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\$10

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Chicago, IL 60602

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## **International Day: Rising Above Segregation**



Sammy Lee with Korean Olympic athletes, 1937. Shades of L.A. Collection courtesy of the Los Angeles Public Library

International Day sounds like it's about embracing diversity but for Sammy Lee, like many other children of immigrants growing up in Southern California during The Cold War, this phrase signifies much the opposite. Sammy, a Korean American born in Pasadena and raised in Highland Park, California, saw neighbors picketing the presence of Asians in the community. As an adolescent, he became interested in diving. Soon he discovered that he could only use the local pool in Pasadena on Wednesdays, the only swim day for non-whites, right before the pool was scheduled for a cleaning. Similar segregation policies for pools across the U.S. rose from fears about interracial sexuality and racist beliefs about the hygiene practices of non-whites.

So then how did Sammy Lee become an Olympic diving champion? In *Penuel: The Sammy Lee Story*

time gold medalist and a doctor of medicine, he continued to face racism. Read more about Sammy Lee in this great article from [KCET.org](http://KCET.org) >>

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