

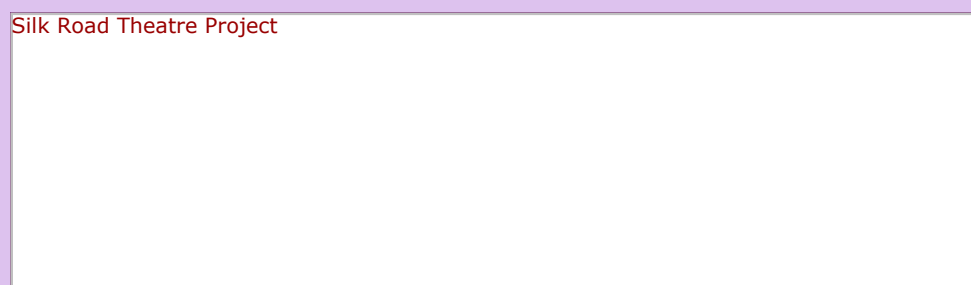
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**YOHEN**  
 By Philip Kan Gotanda

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**THE DNA TRAIL**  
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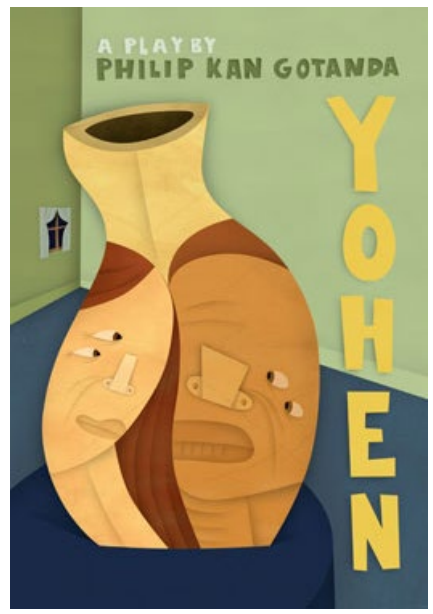
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**YOHEN**

By Philip Kan Gotanda  
 Directed by Steve Scott  
 Featuring Cheryl Hamada and Ernest Perry, Jr.

**September 18 - 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 Asian American 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.

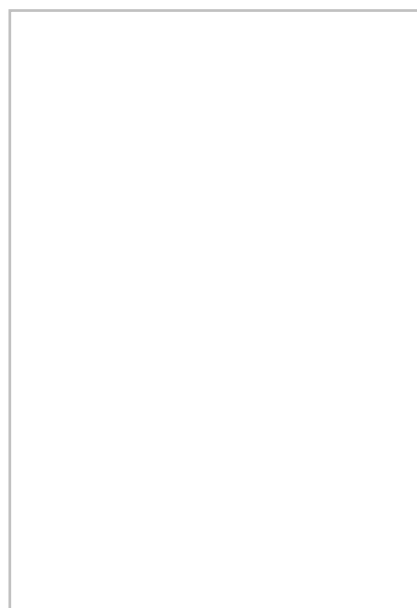
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## **PANGS OF THE MESSIAH**

**By Motti Lerner**  
**Directed by Jennifer Green**

**February 19 - April 12, 2009**

Set in 2012 amidst the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians, Motti Lerner's *Pangs of the Messiah* is an apocalyptic yet fiercely humane drama about eight West Bank Jewish settlers pitted against an Israel they feel betrayed by. The play focuses on a religious family that finds itself torn between fighting to stay in their settlement and obeying their government's decision to dismantle it. Left hanging in the balance is the legacy of their beliefs.



**PLAYWRIGHT MOTTI LERNER**

Motti Lerner is one of Israel's top playwrights. His work is celebrated as daring, beautifully written, and theatrically inventive. Besides Israel, his plays have been produced in the US, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Australia. Lerner is the recipient of the Israel Award for his creative work.

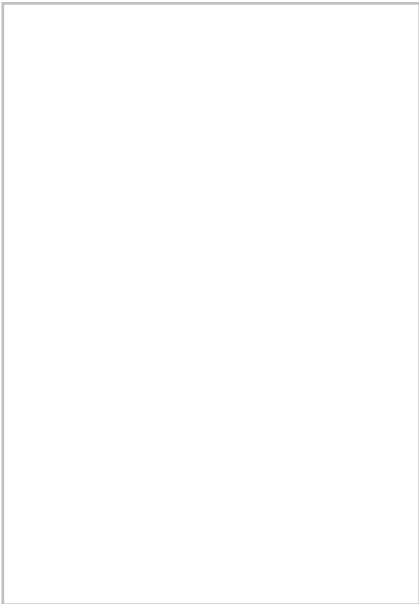
**THE WORLD PREMIERE**

## **THE DNA TRAIL**

**A Genealogy of Short Plays  
About Ancestry, Identity,  
and Utter Confusion  
Conceived by Jamil Khoury  
Directed by Steve Scott**

**September 24 - November 15, 2009**

Theatre meets science as a diverse group of playwrights each agree to take a genealogical DNA test in this identity-defying collection of short plays. For this adventurous project, Silk Road commissioned seven playwrights, each rooted in distinct immigrant narratives and cross-cultural experiences, to revisit their assumptions about identity politics and the perennial "who am I" question. Self, family, community, ethnicity, race,



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Participating Playwrights: PHILIP KAN GOTANDA, VELINA HASU HOUSTON, DAVID HENRY HWANG, JAMIL KHOURY, SHISHIR KURUP, LINA PATEL, AND ELIZABETH WONG



The seven playwrights featured in The DNA Trail include some of America's best regarded and leading dramatists as well as some exciting new emerging voices. Stylistically, artistically, and culturally this is a diverse group of writers promising a collection of original short plays that are engaging, provocative, and entertaining.

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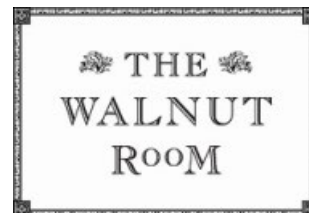


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