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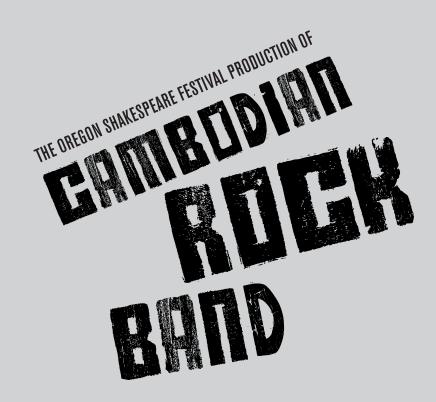




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Dear Friends,

Like many of you, just the mere snippet of a song can instantly and viscerally transport me back to a particular moment of my life. I can't hear the opening phrase of Bob Dylan's "Tangled Up in Blue" without remembering road trips spent in the

backseat of my family's Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser, listening to our eight track tape player. Such is the power of music to intertwine with our personal histories. And as Lauren Yee's *Cambodian Rock Band* beautifully illustrates, the same is true of our national histories.

Lauren's story takes us to Cambodia in April, 1975 – a moment when that country's burgeoning music scene ran headlong into the Khmer Rouge's ascendancy after a yearslong civil war. Though the ensuing genocide claimed the lives of millions of Cambodians – and nearly all of its musicians – this play deftly shows us the ability of music to defy, to inspire, to heal. Even when the artists themselves don't survive, their art can rise from the ashes with more urgency than before.

With Cambodian Rock Band, Lauren joins the ranks of other UC San Diego MFA playwrights whose work has graced our stages in recent years, including Jeff Augustin, Mat Smart and Naomi lizuka, who also currently runs the MFA Playwriting program. It's a testament to UC San Diego's stellar program that so many of its graduates are creating excellent work across the country.

I'm delighted that the Playhouse will continue to be an artistic home for Lauren in the years to come; we will be producing the world premiere of her newest play in our upcoming season, and she is also under commission with us to create a new show inspired by the craft brewing scene in San Diego.

Thank you for joining us for Cambodian Rock Band, and for your ongoing support.

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FEATURING SONGS BY DENGLIE FEVER

DIRECTED BY CHAY YEW

A CO-PRODUCTION WITH PORTLAND CENTER STAGE AT THE ARMORY

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THE CAST

(in alphabetical order)

Neary/Sothea	Brooke Ishibashi [*]
Rom	Abraham Kim³
Pou/Guard	Jane Lui³
Chum	Joe Ngo³
Duch	Daisuke Tsuji [*]
Ted/Leng	
Understudy: Duch	James Ryen*

Settina:

Phnom Penh, Cambodia. 2008, 1975 and 1978.

Cambodian Rock Band will be performed with one 15-minute intermission.

Understudies are never substituted for listed roles unless a specific announcement or notice is made at the time of the performance.

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Graham Schmidt	Assistant Director
Se Hyun Oh	Associate Scenic Designer
	Associate Lighting Designer
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BROOKE ISHIBASHI, Neary/Sothea

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. New York: Good Person of Szechwan with Taylor Mac (The Public); A Beautiful Day in November (NY City Center); Takarazuka! (HERE Arts); Qui Nguyen's The Inexplicable Redemption of Agent G (Ma-Yi); Happy Sunshine Kung Fu Flower (Ars Nova). Regional:

Cambodian Rock Band (World Premiere: South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival); All's Well That Ends Well (Oregon Shakespeare Festival). Developmental: originated new works in collaboration with Qui Nguyen/Vampire Cowboys, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Thomas Kail, Dave Malloy, Maltby & Shire, Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig, BD Wong, Evan Cabnet, Lear deBessonet, May Adrales, Daniel Fish, Lee Sunday Evans, Lloyd Suh, Kimber Lee, Baayork Lee, The Public, Geffen Playhouse, Lincoln Center, La MaMa, Vineyard Theatre, Women's Project, The Lark, NAAP, NAATCO, Soho Rep., Clubbed Thumb, New Georges, The Foundry. Concerts: Joe's Pub, Highline Ballroom, City Winery, Stonewall Inn. TV: Series lead in DJ Nash's People Are Talking (NBC, dir. Pam Fryman). Education: B.A. in Theatre/Musical Theatre, Marymount Manhattan College; Upright Citizens Brigade. Other: Proud Actors' Equity Association Western Region Principal Councilor and member of Fair Wage Onstage. @Brookelshibashi / @CambodianRockBand / FairWageOnstage.org



ABRAHAM KIM, Rom

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Regional: Cambodian Rock Band (Pacific Playwrights Festival, South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival); Son in LA Riots (Café-Club Fais Do Do); Orchestra, Alice in Wonderland (Hoover High School). Music: National and international tours with Run River North,

DANakaDAN and Magnetic North & Taiyo Na. Drummer on Magnetic North & Taiyo Na's album, *Home: Word*. Music band affiliations: IXS, Castor and Pollux, Monroe Street, The Blazing Rays of the Sun, Former Faces, Fyke, Ruth + the Library. TV/Film: *Good Sessions* (CBS pilot), *Jasyn's Theme* (YouTube). Education: Craig Kupka, Daniel Yoo, Angelica Thompson. @Oabrahamkim0



JANE LUI, Pou/Guard; Co-Arranger

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Regional: Huong in Vietgone (East West Players); Pou in Cambodian Rock Band (South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival); Maudlin in All's Well That Ends Well (Oregon Shakespeare Festival); Cecily Pigeon in The Odd Couple (Sierra Madre

Playhouse); Shannon Baker in *The Sparrow*, Ute/Chief in *Cannibal the Musical* (Coeurage Theatre Company); Julie in *John Doe the Musical* (Lyceum Theatre); Penny in *Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog* (Chinese Pirate Productions). Composition: *Under Milk Wood, Secret in the Wings* (Coeurage Theatre Company), San Diego Zoo. Film/TV/Internet/Commercial: *67th Emmy Awards, Odious, The Soulman, Daylight Savings, Luieland* (YouTube personality, 4m views). Voiceovers: *Call of Duty,* San Diego Zoo, *Hibakusha*. Awards: Stage Raw nomination for Best Original Music, Dublin Web Fest Best Music Video, San Diego Best Recording nominations for albums *Goodnight Company* and *Barkentine*, YouTube's Unsigned Pick. Music: All original albums available on iTunes, Spotify. Upcoming fourth album to be released as music project *Surrija*. Surrija.com



JOE NGO, Chum

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Regional: Cambodian Rock Band (South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival); Nhan/Khue in Vietgone (Studio Theatre); Actor 1 in King of the Yees, Xu Xian in The White Snake (Baltimore Center Stage); Actor 3 in King of the Yees (A

Contemporary Theatre); Hotspur in Henry IV, Part One (Wooden O/ Seattle Shakespeare); Hortensio in The Taming of the Shrew (Island Stage Left); Hank in Marvin's Room (Covina Center for the Performing Arts); Boy in Blood Wedding (Odyssey Theatre Ensemble); Elvis in Miss Nelson Is Missing (Lewis Family Playhouse). Solo performances: Words, Words... (The Barn Arts Collective and Leviathan Labs Living Room Series). Film/ TV: Crashing, Off the Record, Beach Blossom. Education: B.A., Cal Poly Pomona; M.F.A., UW, Seattle. www.joe-ngo.com



JAMES RYEN, Understudy: Duch

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Other theatres: Cambodian Rock Band, Othello, Snow in Midsummer, Shakespeare in Love, Beauty and the Beast, Vietgone, The Winter's Tale (Oregon Shakespeare Festival); Fat Pig (SpeakEasy Theatre Company); Romeo and Juliet (American Repertory Theater);

Hamlet (New Art Theatre); Love's Labour's Lost (Huntington Theatre Company); Arms and the Man (Lyric Stage Company); The Taming of the Shrew (Commonwealth Shakespeare Company); The Birthday Boys (Texas Theatre); The Winter's Tale (Actors' Shakespeare Project); Julius Caesar (Gamaliel Theatre Company). Film/TV: American Sniper, The Kill Corporation, Minotaur, Summer's End, Evidence, This Is Mortal Combat, Dark House, Shuttle, The Young and the Restless, General Hospital, Anger Management, The Mentalist, Mighty Med, Days of Our Lives, Mistresses, Kickin' It, Body of Proof, GCB, Zeke & Luther, NCIS: Los Angeles, Without a Trace, How I Met Your Mother, CSI: Miami, Lie to Me, NCIS. Training: B.F.A. in Acting, University of Oklahoma.



DAISUKE TSUJI, Duch

La Jolla Playhouse: The Orphan of Zhao, American Night. Regional: Cambodian Rock Band (South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival); With Love and a Major Organ (The Theatre @ Boston Court); Orlando in As You Like It (Antaeus Theatre Company); William Shakespeare

in Imogen Says Nothing (Yale Repertory Theatre); A Midsummer Night's Dream (California Shakespeare Theater/Portland Center Stage); The Orphan of Zhao (American Conservatory Theater). International: Public Clown in Dralion (Cirque du Soleil); Meditations on Virginity (Poland tour). Other credits: Writing/directing: Clowns Are Peoples Too (OSF Midnight Project); Death and Giggles (Three Chairs Theater Company); Monkey Madness (Los Angeles Theater Ensemble). Film/TV: Love, Death & Robots; Brockmire; The Man in the High Castle; The Blacklist. Video Game: Jin in Ghost of Tsushima, Call of Duty: Black Ops 4, Prey. Education: B.A., UCLA. www.daisuketsuji.com



MOSES VILLARAMA, Ted/Leng

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Off-Broadway: Fast Company (Ensemble Studio Theatre); The Sonic Life of a Giant Tortoise (The Play Company); Chairs and a Long Table (Ma-Yi Theater). Regional: Cambodian Rock Band, Henry V, The Odyssey, The Winter's Tale, Snow in Midsummer (Oregon

Shakespeare Festival); Vietgone (OSF/Seattle Repertory); Warrior Class (Alliance Theatre); Suspense! Radio Hour (Hudson Valley Shakespeare); King Lear, Amadeus, A Christmas Carol (Denver Center); Swamp Is On (Pig Iron). Training: M.F.A., National Theatre Conservatory. B.A., University of San Francisco @themightymos

THE **COMPANY**

LAUREN YEE, Playwright

Her play Cambodian Rock Band, with music by Dengue Fever, premiered at South Coast Rep, with subsequent productions at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, La Jolla Playhouse, Victory Gardens, City Theatre, Merrimack Rep, Signature Theatre, Portland Center Stage and Jungle Theatre. Her play The Great Leap has been produced at the Denver Center, Seattle Repertory, Atlantic Theater, the Guthrie Theatre, American Conservatory Theater, Arts Club, InterAct Theatre and Steppenwolf, with future productions at Long Wharf and Asolo Rep/Miami New Drama. Honors include the Doris Duke Artists Award, Steinberg Playwright Award, Whiting Award, Steinberg/ ATCA Award, American Academy of Arts and Letters literature award, Horton Foote Prize, Kesselring Prize, Primus Prize, a Hodder Fellowship at Princeton, and the #1 and #2 plays on the 2017 Kilroys List. She's a Residency 5 playwright at Signature Theatre, New Dramatists member, Ma-Yi Writers' Lab member, and Playwrights Realm alumni playwright. Her TV work includes Pachinko (Apple) and Soundtrack (Netflix). She is currently under commission from Geffen Playhouse, La Jolla Playhouse, Portland Center Stage, Second Stage and South Coast Rep. B.A.: Yale. M.F.A.: UC San Diego. www.laurenyee.com

CHAY YEW. Director

Off-Broadway: The Public, Playwrights Horizons, New York Theatre Workshop, Rattlestick, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Playwrights Realm, National Asian American Theatre Company, Ma-Yi Theatre. Regional: Victory Gardens Theater, American Conservatory Theater, Berkeley Rep, South Coast Repertory, Long Wharf Theatre, Denver Center, Humana Festival, Kennedy Center, Mark Taper Forum, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Huntington Theatre, Woolly Mammoth, East West Players, Northlight Theatre, Curious Theatre, Pillsbury Theatre, Teatro Vista, GALA Hispanic Theatre, Portland Center Stage, Cincinnati Playhouse, Mosaic Theatre Company, Playmakers Rep, Round House, Southern Rep Theatre, Boise Contemporary Theatre, Laguna Playhouse, Geva Theatre, Empty Space, Cornerstone Theater, Theatre @ Boston Court, Highways, Northwest Asian American Theatre, Singapore Repertory Theatre. Opera: Tanglewood Music Center, Los Angeles Philharmonic. Awards: Obie, Drama-Logue awards.

TAKESHI KATA, Scenic Design

La Jolla Playhouse: The Last Tiger in Haiti, Guards at the Taj. Broadway: Derren Brown: Secret. Off Broadway: Office Hour (The Public Theater); Man from Nebraska (Second Stage Theatre); Through a Glass Darkly, The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow (Atlantic Theater Company); Until the Flood (Rattlestick Playwrights Theater); The Profane (Playwrights Horizons); Gloria (Vineyard Theatre); Forever (New York Theatre Workshop); Adding Machine (Minetta Lane Theatre). Regional: Angels in America (Berkeley Repertory Theatre), Cambodian Rock Band (South Coast Rep, Oregon Shakespeare Festival), productions at Alley Theatre, American Players Theatre, Dallas Theater Center, Denver Theatre for the Performing Arts, Ford's Theatre, Geffen Playhouse, Goodman Theatre, Long Wharf Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, The Old Globe, Portland Center Stage, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Williamstown Theatre Festival and Yale Repertory Theatre, among others. Awards: Obie; Drama Desk, Ovation, San Francisco Critics Circle, TBA and Barrymore Award nominations. Other: associate professor at University of Southern California, School of Dramatic Arts.

SARA RYUNG CLEMENT, Costume Design

La Jolla Playhouse: POP Tours Home of the Brave and The Astronaut Farmworker. Off-Broadway: Somebody's Daughter (Second Stage Uptown); Fruiting Bodies (Ma-Yi Theatre). Regional credits include the Guthrie Theater, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, South Coast Repertory, Denver Center Theatre Company, Geffen Playhouse, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Folger Theatre, Pasadena Playhouse, Seattle Rep, Mixed Blood, TheatreWorks, Center Stage Baltimore, Boston Court, Perseverance Theatre, East West Players, Cornerstone Theater Company, A Noise Within, Yale Repertory Theatre and others. Set design faculty at UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, and a recipient of the Donald and Zorca Oenslager Fellowship in Design. M.F.A., Yale School of Drama; A.B., Princeton University. sararyungclement.com

DAVID WEINER. Lighting Design

La Jolla Playhouse: The Darrell Hammond Project, American Night. Broadway: The Price, Stephen King's Misery, Romeo and Juliet, Dead Accounts, Grace, Godspell, The Normal Heart, Reasons to Be Pretty, Butley, The Real Thing, Dinner at Eight, Betrayal. Off-Broadway: The Public Theater, Manhattan Theatre Club, Second Stage Theatre, Playwrights Horizons, MCC Theater, New York Theatre Workshop, Theatre for a New Audience, Vineyard Theatre, Atlantic Theater Company. Regional: Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Goodman Theatre, Center Theatre Group, Guthrie Theater, McCarter Theatre, Huntington Theatre Company, American Repertory Theater, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Berkeley Repertory Theatre. Theme Park: Frozen at Hyperion Theater, Disney California Adventure Park. Music Festivals: Site Lighting Director for Bonnaroo, Outside Lands and Grandoozy. Awards include three Lucille Lortel Awards (Guards at the Taj, Through a Glass Darkly, Rodney's Wife); LA Ovation Award (Venice); Drama Desk nomination (Small Fire); five American Theatre Wing Hewes Design Award nominations.

MIKHAIL FIKSEL, Sound Design

is a designer, composer, musician and DJ based in Chicago and NYC. La Jolla Playhouse: Seize the King, Tiger Style!. Other recent credits: The Public Theater, Playwrights Horizons, The Civilians, The Goodman, Chicago Shakespeare, Steppenwolf, Albany Park Theatre Project, Third Rail Projects, Manhattan Theatre Club, The Geffen Playhouse, The Old Globe, Kennedy Center, Center Theater Group, Dallas Theater Center, South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Williamstown Theater Festival, Victory Gardens, Writers Theatre and several audio plays with Make-Believe Association. He is a recipient of two Lucille Lortel Awards, multiple Joseph Jefferson Awards, the Michael Maggio Emerging Designer Award, and is a proud member of TSDCA and USA.

MATTHEW MacNELLY, Music Director/Arranger

La Jolla Playhouse: WOW Festival production of *Our Town, Glengarry Glen Ross.* MacNelly is a musician and actor living in Los Angeles. Other theatres: music direction: *Cambodian Rock Band* (South Coast Repertory, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Victory Gardens Theatre). Original music: The Trip's *This might be the end* (Theatrelab, NYC); Founders Day Awards (UC San Diego); *In Search of Duende* (UNESCO World Theatre Festival, Peru). Acting: *Time Sensitive* (world premiere, Guthrie Theater); *Fourteen Flights* (world premiere, New York Fringe Festival); *Much Ado About Nothing* (Folger Theatre); *F**king A* (Studio Theatre). Film: *Minor Turbulence, lady-like, The War Inside*. TV: *Rizzoli & Isles*. Education: M.F.A. in Acting, UC San Diego; B.A. in Theatre and Performance, Georgetown University.

U. JONATHAN TOPPO, Fight Director

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. In 28 seasons at Oregon Shakespeare Festival: Resident Fight Director, As You Like It, Hairspray, Mother Road, Indecent, Cambodian Rock Band, Between Two Knees, How to Catch Creation, Macbeth, Alice in Wonderland, All's Well That Ends Well, La Comedia of Errors. Fight Director, Othello, Destiny of Desire, Oklahoma!, Snow in Midsummer, Henry V, Manahatta, The Way the Mountain Moved, Romeo and Juliet, The Book of Will, Julius Caesar, Shakespeare in Love, Hannah and the Dread Gazebo, Henry IV Part I, Hamlet, Richard II, Guys and Dolls, Fingersmith, Sweat, Pericles, The Comedy of Errors, Richard III. A Streetcar Named Desire, King Lear, The Unfortunates, Cymbeline. August: Osage County, Ruined, Other theatres: Sweat (Studio 54, The Public Theater, Dallas Theatre Company); Othello (A.R.T. Cambridge); Angels in America (Berkeley Rep); West Side Story, Pericles (Guthrie Theater); Mojada (Portland Center Stage); The Pirates of Penzance (Portland Opera); All the Way (Seattle Repertory Theatre). Teaching: Certified associate instructor with Dueling Arts International. Awards: Drama Desk Award 2017 Best Fight Choreography, Sweat (The Public Theater).

GWEN TUROS, Stage Manager

La Jolla Playhouse: Debut. Oregon Shakespeare Festival: 22 seasons. Production Stage Manager: Cambodian Rock Band, Othello, Love's Labour's Lost, Hannah and the Dread Gazebo, The Merry Wives of Windsor. Stage Manager: Hamlet; Pericles; The Tempest; Richard III; A Streetcar Named Desire; A Midsummer Night's Dream; Animal Crackers; Henry V; The Language Archive; Julius Caesar, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Merchant of Venice; Macbeth; Much Ado About Nothing; Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter, The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler, As You Like It; The Taming of the Shrew, The Diary of Anne Frank; Richard III; Twelfth Night; The Visit; Oedipus Complex; Romeo and Juliet; Richard II; Noises Off, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?; Life Is a Dream; Troilus and Cressida; Wit; Crumbs from the Table of Joy; El Paso Blue; Rosmersholm; Measure for Measure. Assistant Stage Manager: Indecent, Timon of Athens, Antony and Cleopatra, King Lear. Other theatres: Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis; Folger Theatre, Washington D.C.; Group Theatre, Seattle. Education: B.A., University of Northern Colorado.

TYLER LARSON, Assistant Stage Manager

La Jolla Playhouse: Stage Manager for *Slam* as part of the DNA New Work Series; ASM for *The Coast Starlight, Diana*; Sub ASM for *The Squirrels*. The Old Globe: Sub ASM for *Almost Famous*, Intern for *Guys and Dolls*. San Diego Comic-Con: ASM for Hulu's *Castle Rock* Activation. Education: M.F.A. UC San Diego, B.F.A. Texas State University.

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A conversation between *Cambodian Rock Band* playwright Lauren Yee and Director of Artistic Development Gabriel Greene



GG: What first inspired you to write a play about Cambodia and its music?

LY: It actually came from being in San Diego. In 2011, one of my friends dragged me to the Adams Avenue Street Fair to hear this band she loved called Dengue Fever. I didn't know anything about them or their music, but as soon as I heard them play – it's like this magical, incredible experience: you hear a band that you've never heard before, but the music sounds immediately familiar and relatable, but also wildly original. And that was my experience when I first heard Dengue Fever.

I went home that night and immediately Googled them. They're a Los Angeles band that formed in the early 2000s. The lead singer, Chhom Nimol, is Cambodian American, but the rest of the band is non-Cambodian; they're Los Angelenos who were inspired by the rich history of Cambodian surf rock. Unless you're kind of a music junkie, you may not be aware of the whole psychedelic surf rock scene that existed in Cambodia. I certainly didn't know about it.

GG: What was that scene like?

LY: Prior to 1975, Cambodia was a musical hotbed. The prince at the time, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, composed his own music and travelled with his own orchestra. His wife was part of the Royal Ballet. The country as a whole had this incredibly rich music history. And in the '60s and '70s, the music scene was a collision of all of Cambodia's music history: Afro-Cuban beats, French New Wave, Vietnam-era radio [that played American rock music]. What you end up with is an incredible combination of sound, and that's what Dengue Fever bases their music on.

GG: Once you became aware of Cambodia's musical history, how did that carry you to your story?

LY: I didn't just learn about the music, it was also what happened to all those musicians after America pulled out of the Vietnam War and the Khmer Rouge took over the country. I was really struck by the way in which the Khmer Rouge targeted Cambodia's artists and intellectuals first. The first thing to go when they took over the country was the music, and the people who made it. Reading about this, I felt like this was a staggering and incredible story. For years I was like, "there's a play in here; one day I'll write it."

GG: What ultimately unlocked the play for you?

LY: In 2015, I got commissioned by South Coast Rep through their Crossroads program, which brings playwrights to Orange County for about ten days to look around and research anything they're curious about. That experience was incredibly fruitful; it was like it had been ordained by the universe. That was when I first met Dengue Fever, because they happened to be playing a gig in Long Beach – which happens to have the largest population of Cambodian Americans in the country. A lot of the seeds that came to fruition later were first planted in that trip in 2015.

GG: How did your story take shape? Did you start with a relationship, a character, a setting?

LY: I started with the scenes set in the '70s, the historical parts of the play that directly dealt with the Khmer Rouge's takeover. And early on, I found out that it really helped to have a more contemporary setting, because an American audience has so little context for what happened there. So creating the daughter character, and having part of the play be about her exploration of the past, was really helpful to let an American audience in to that history.

GG: Part of what makes the play so propulsive and unique is the live music component. Was that aspect part of your initial conception?

LY: No, I initially imagined it as a play about music. And gradually, during the initial workshop process, we started magically casting extraordinary actors with musical ability, so I was like, "Oh, well, if you have these instruments, you might as well bring them in and we'll try playing them and see what happens." And that's how I realized I could create a play with music. The play would not have become what it is without those actors already having those talents.

In the show, half of the music is by Dengue Fever, and half of it is actual Cambodian oldies from the '60s and '70s. And the band plays all of it. It's a great way to demonstrate both the original music scene that existed and modern-day interpretations of that sound.

GG: Several of your plays – I'm thinking of King of the Yees, Young Americans and obviously this play – hinge on their father/daughter relationships. What keeps you coming back to that theme?

LY: My father's an interesting person! (laughs) My relationship with my father is interesting, because in some ways, it's really undramatic. Our relationship is actually quite good. But at the same time, like in any family, there are unspoken truths and histories and secrets that lie under the surface. And a friendly, jovial demeanor can mask those deeper traumas. The character of Chum is not my father, obviously, but he contains a lot of my father's effervescence and avoidance.

GG: That contrast – "effervescence and avoidance" – speaks to the tonal tightrope that this play walks so skillfully. It covers a time that was incomprehensibly horrific, but it does so with a disarming sense of humor. How did you strike that balance?

LY: It was sort of through trial and error. I will say that in all of my plays, there is a deep undercurrent of painfully funny humor. These two things lie right next to each other, so any play that I write, even if it's about the Khmer Rouge and genocide, will contain some measure of joy. My first couple attempts with this play were very dark and heavy – and this play, while it's dramatic, is ultimately *not* that.

I think that [balance] came from working with one of the actors, Joe Ngo, whose parents are survivors of the Khmer Rouge labor camps. You meet his parents and they're the most joyful, happy, wonderful, open and generous people. And that's incongruous with how we think of survivors of genocide, so that was something that was really helpful to keep in mind with the character of Chum.

GG: It's a joy to have you back on the campus of UC San Diego, where you received your M.F.A. in Playwriting several years ago. How did that graduate program help guide you to becoming the writer you are?

LY: UCSD taught me how to be a writer in the long run. It's almost like it was some sort of training camp. Like, Michael Phelps is good at swimming, but how do you become someone who can continually perform and make swimming, or writing, a large part of your life? It was developing those habits of being a writer that would help me on the next play and the play after that.

The cast of Cambodian Rock Band. Photo by Jenny Graham, Oregon Shakespeare Festival



n 1953, after 90 years as a French protectorate, Cambodia won its independence. The Southeast Asian country was now the Kingdom of Cambodia. In 1955, general elections were held. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who had abdicated as king in pursuit of a political career, and his newly established party, Sangkum Reastr Niyum (People's Socialist Community), triumphed: the

Sangkum party won every seat in Parliament, and the Prince was appointed prime minister. The Sihanouk era had begun.



Prince Norodom Sihanouk

The Prince envisioned postcolonial Cambodia as a modern nation. He sought to improve the country's infrastructure and to foster a strong national identity (which often meant harsh punishment for far-left dissidents). To Sihanouk, modernity also required cultural relevance, and the arts and entertainment

boomed in Cambodia during the 1950s and '60s. But the country's music enjoyed a particular renaissance – for it was during this era that rock and roll came to Cambodia.

Even before the arrival of rock and roll. Cambodia's popular music had incorporated foreign influences. While the country was still a protectorate, folk musicians integrated Western instruments into their ensembles and Latin beats into their songs. By the 1960s, the youth in urban Cambodia were hooked on yé-yé music, French pop named after the common refrain "yeah, yeah." Then, as the United States' military presence in neighboring Vietnam increased, English-language rock and roll became popular.

Throughout the 1960s and early '70s, Cambodian musicians recorded Khmer-language covers of foreign songs. But as a whole, Cambodia's rock was far more than a mere imitation of a Western form. Artists composed and recorded original songs that addressed national concerns and challenged contemporary attitudes; and both covers and original pieces combined

Western-inspired melodies with a distinctly Cambodian sound. The music's unique identity was also embodied in its greatest stars. Singers such as Ros Serey Sothea and Sinn Sisamouth appealed to a wide audience with a modern sound that was complemented by traditional looks and performance styles. Other artists, such as Pen Ran and Liv Tek, epitomized the term "rock star" with their unrestrained, raucous performances.



Sinn Sisamouth

By 1969, Cambodia was on the brink of a new political era. While Sihanouk ruthlessly contended with the country's far-left communist revolutionaries – whom he nicknamed the Khmer Rouge – he lost the support of urban Cambodians, who disapproved of his government's corruption. Finally, in March 1970, while Sihanouk was in France, General Lon Nol and Prince Sisowath Sirik Matak, both high-ranking government officials, orchestrated a coup with the unspoken permission of the United States. The Kingdom of Cambodia was now the Khmer Republic.

During the five years that followed, Cambodia was enmeshed in a civil war as the U.S.-backed Lon Nol government fought the tenacious Khmer Rouge. But in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital, the music persevered. The sounds of rock and roll would not be guieted – not by the U.S. bombs dropped on eastern Cambodia in the name of the Vietnam War, nor the rampant corruption within Lon Nol's government, nor the growing number of Khmer Rouge guerilla fighters.

Then, on April 17, 1975, the Khmer Rouge breached Phnom Penh, and the music finally stopped. The war was over, and the victors swiftly instituted their vision for a new society. Over the next four years, approximately two million Cambodians would be exterminated by the Khmer Rouge, including ninety percent of the country's musicians.

But miraculously, many of their recordings survived.

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PLAYHOUSE **LEADERSHIP**



CHRISTOPHER ASHLEY, The Rich Family Artistic Director of La Jolla Playhouse

has served as La Jolla Playhouse's Artistic Director since 2007. During his tenure, he has helmed the Playhouse's productions of The Squirrels, Hollywood, The Darrell Hammond Project, His Girl Friday, Glengarry Glen Ross,

A Dram of Drummhicit, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Restoration and the musicals Diana, Escape to Margaritaville, Disney's Freaky Friday, Chasing the Song, Xanadu, Memphis, which won four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical, and Come From Away, for which he won the 2017 Tony Award for Best Director of a Musical and the Craig Noel Award for Direction. He also spearheaded the Playhouse's Without Walls (WOW) series and the Resident Theatre program. Prior to joining the Playhouse, he directed the Broadway productions of Xanadu (Drama Desk nomination), All Shook Up and The Rocky Horror Show (Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Award nominations), as well as the Kennedy Center Sondheim Celebration productions of Sweeney Todd and Merrily We Roll Along. Other New York credits include: Blown Sideways Through Life, Jeffrey (Lucille Lortel and Obie Awards), The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told, Valhalla, Regrets Only, Wonder of the World, Communicating Doors, Bunny Bunny, The Night Hank Williams Died and Fires in the Mirror (Lucille Lortel Award), among others. Mr. Ashley also directed the feature films Jeffrey and Lucky Stiff, as well as the American Playhouse production of Blown Sideways Through Life for PBS. He is the recipient of the Princess Grace Award, the Drama League Director Fellowship and an NEA/TCG Director Fellowship.

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is a place where artists and audiences come together to create what's new and next in the American theatre, from Tony Award-winning productions, to imaginative programs for young audiences, to interactive experiences outside our theatre walls. Founded in 1947 by Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and Mel Ferrer, the Playhouse is currently led by Christopher Ashley, the Rich Family Artistic Director of La Jolla Playhouse, and Managing Director Debby Buchholz. Internationallyrenowned for the development of new plays and musicals, the Playhouse has mounted 102 world premieres, commissioned 52 new works, and sent 32 productions to Broadway - including the currently-running hit musical Come From Away – garnering a total of 38 Tony Awards, as well as the 1993 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.



DEBBY BUCHHOLZ, Managing Director of La Jolla Playhouse joined the Playhouse in 2002, serving first as General Manager before becoming Managing Director. She is a Vice President of the League of Resident Theaters (LORT) and a member of its Executive Committee. She is a recipient of a San Diego Women Who Mean Business Award from The

San Diego Business Journal. Prior to joining La Jolla Playhouse, she served as Counsel to The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. She was a faculty member of the Smithsonian Institution's program on Legal Problems of Museum Administration. Prior to The Kennedy Center, she served as a corporate attorney in New York City and Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of UC San Diego and Harvard Law School. Ms. Buchholz and her husband, noted author and White House economic policy advisor Todd Buchholz, live in Solana Beach and are the proud parents of Victoria, Katherine and Alexia.



DES McANUFF. Director Emeritus

served as La Jolla Playhouse's Artistic Director from 1983 through 1994, and from 2001 through April 2007. Under his leadership, the Playhouse garnered more than 300 awards, including the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. His Playhouse to Broadway credits include:

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Welcome to La Jolla Playhouse and this performance of Cambodian Rock Band. This widely-acclaimed piece marks a wonderful homecoming for playwright and UC San Diego graduate Lauren Yee.

With the holidays approaching, we hope you will consider La Jolla Playhouse in your charitable giving plans through a year-end gift. Your donation supports our many new play development programs that allow the Playhouse to commission new works from artists like Lauren, while helping to launch such new works as Come From Away - about to celebrate its third anniversary on Broadway - and Diana, which will open in New York in March, marking the Playhouse's 33rd Broadway transfer.

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As a long-time supporter of the arts, it is my pleasure to co-sponsor Cambodian Rock Band, coming to La Jolla Playhouse having received multiple new play awards in the past year. What excites me most about partnering with the Playhouse is their commitment to developing new plays and musicals that ignite conversation and change, and this work will certainly do just that. Beyond this production, I am proud to be a part of the Artistic Director's Circle to help bring a wonderful 2019/2020 Season to San Diego audiences.

Supporting the performing arts has been our lifelong endeavor, and we are very pleased to sponsor Lauren Yee's Cambodian Rock Band. This is a story that must be told! We appreciate the opportunity to partner with both Lauren and the Playhouse to share this tale of redemption through the transforming power of theatre. As we reflect on our past, may the lessons we learn bring us all healing, reconciliation and hope for our future.

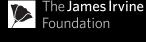
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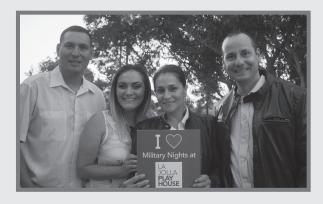
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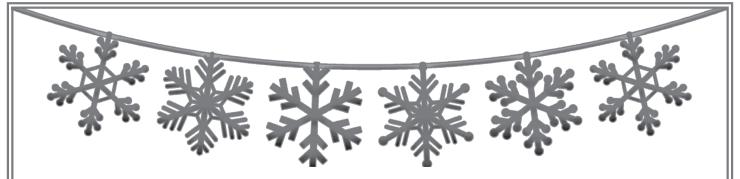
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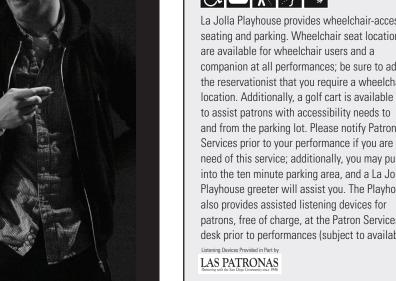




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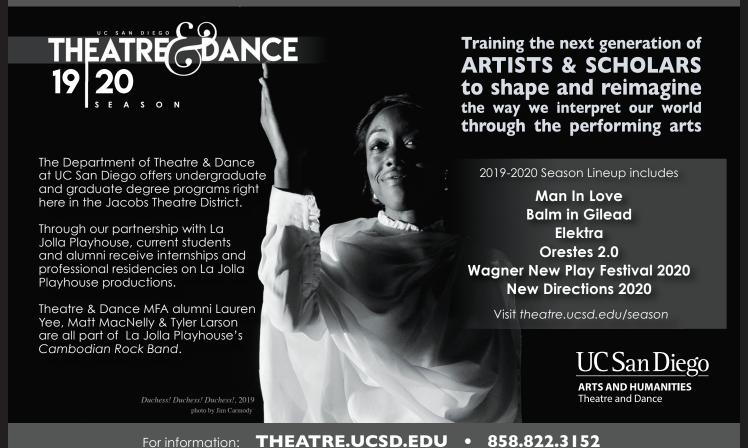
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