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**LODESTONE THEATRE ENSEMBLE AND ORPHANS THEATER COMPANY'S WORLD
PREMIERE OF "WHEN TIGERS SMOKED LONG PIPES"**

Old World Folktales Spring To Life in Up-and-Comer Angela Kang's Latest Work

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Los Angeles, CA - Lodestone Theatre Ensemble and Orphans Theater Company will present the world premiere of Angela Kang's "When Tigers Smoked Long Pipes" June 14 through July 20th as a co-production with the Victory Theatre in Burbank, California. "When Tigers Smoked Long Pipes" will be directed by longtime Lodestone actor-director-technical whiz Robert Shinso ("The Adventures of BYO Boy," "laughter joy & loneliness...") and run for six weeks. The cast is comprised of actors from both the Lodestone and Orphans companies including Jennifer Aquino, Aimie Billon, Esperanza Catubig, Laurel Devaney, Jason Grimley, Rachel Morihiro, Kipp Shiotani, Phil Young, Genevieve Lee, Yi Lin, Brian Wang and DC Wolfe. Cynthia Liu, Heather Ashton and Ramsey Naito are producing.

"When Tigers Smoked Long Pipes" is a magical journey combining elements of narrative style, movement and music - bringing to life Korean folktale figures such as the cunning Tiger, the strong single Mother, the patriarchal God, the hapless young Woodcutter and the brave and devoted Maiden. In exploring and reinterpreting creation myths and love stories with a very contemporary and multicultural edge, the play presents the world as a place where the miraculous coexists with the mundane and the silly with the sublime. Though not a "children's show," it's one the whole family will enjoy!

Angela Kang is the Literary Manager and Ensemble Member of Orphans Theater Company. She has worked both as a writer, producer and actor for such distinguished companies as Bottom's Dream, Cornerstone Theater Company, Occidental Children's Theater Project and is one of the organizers of the annual Edge of the World Festival.

"I wanted to tell Korean folk stories in a way that speaks to all cultures," states Kang. "The diverse mixture of ethnic backgrounds resulting from Lodestone and Orphans, collaboration has certainly aided this effort."

In its mission to develop, create, promote and present edgy, compelling and impassioned works that bridge communities through truthful and entertaining artistry, Lodestone Theatre Ensemble has made great leaps in redefining contemporary Asian American theatre. "When Tigers Smoked Long Pipes" continues to push those boundaries by collaborating with Orphans Theater Company, whose mission is to give a body and voice to works with an offbeat slant, and a home to unique theater by presenting bold new works and adaptations created in a collaborative, ensemble driven spirit. This production also continues Lodestone's ongoing relationship with the Victory Theatre where Lodestone presented its critically acclaimed production of Matt Pelfrey's "Freak Storm" in late 2002.

Show times are 8pm Thursday through Saturday and 3pm Sunday. Tickets prices are \$15 for general admission and \$13 for students. Group rates of \$11 each are available for reservations of ten tickets or more. For reservations call 323 993-7245.

For more information on the Orphans Theater Company visit www.orphanstheater.com.

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