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**CURIOUS FROG PRESENTS SAM SHEPARD'S
TRUE WEST IN SUBLET FOUND SPACE WITH
ASIAN-AMERICAN CAST**

NEW YORK, NY—April 20, 2009—**Curious Frog Theatre Company** presents Sam Shepard's *True West* with an Asian-American cast, running **May 16—31** in a sublet found space in Manhattan's East Village at **181 Avenue B**, located between 11th & 12th Streets (F/V subway to 2nd Avenue, or L train to First Avenue). The show will run Tuesday-Sunday at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Brown Paper tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/63066>. Wednesday shows are \$10 cash-only with a loaf of regular-sized bread. Press previews are **Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15 at 7:30pm**. Contact CFTC Executive Director Reneé Rodriguez at 773 844 6313 or renee@curiousfrog.org to reserve press seats. Further information including tickets can be found at www.curiousfrog.org/tw_2009.

True West features Curious Frog's newest company member **Alvin Chan** as Austin, who also appeared in CFTC's last production, *Much Ado About Nothing*. **Edward Chin-Lyn** plays brother Lee, Japanese native **Mami Kimura** plays their mom, and Latino actor **Leif Huckman** plays Saul Kimmer. Award-winning director **Isaac Byrne**, co-founder of Working Man's Clothes Productions, leads the production. Byrne's notable direction for WMC includes *To Nineveh*, earning nine nominations from New York Innovative Theatre Awards and winning six, including Outstanding Direction.

Staged in a sublet apartment at 181 Avenue B in the East Village, the performance environment becomes part of the experience as actors and audience share a common living space. This intensifies themes inherent in the play, where the action turns again and again on issues of authenticity and the duality of human nature. True to Curious Frog's mission of showcasing non-traditional actors, the casting of Asian-American actors promises a fresh perspective with a family of Eastern descent tackling a script that delves into the negotiated realities of the American West. *True West* also presents Curious Frog's first contemporary production, having toured Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* and *Much Ado About Nothing* to NYC parks.

Sam Shepard's *True West* is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. New York City.

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