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**A ONE NIGHT ONLY LIVE EVENT! "THE EMILY PROJECT"**

Jason Fong and the producers of "Thumping Claw 2008" bring a night of "Oymun" to benefit TNKat.org's "The Connector Project"

**Venice CA, February 9, 2008** - Jason Fong and the producers of *Thumping Claw 2008* present an Oymun show with the "Dream Team" of the Asian American Theater Community. "*The Emily Project*" is named after Ms. Emily Kuroda. Fong was inspired to work with Kuroda on an Oymun show and together they have gathered a power ensemble. Cast members Alberto Isaac, Emily Kuroda, Haruye Ioka, Irene Furukawa, June Lu, Ken Narasaki, Ping Wu, Sab Shimono, Sharon Omi and Takayo Fischer will perform two shows on the evening of Saturday, February 9, 2008 to benefit TNKat.org's *The Connector Project*. Fong and the producers are honored to be working with such an amazing and respected group of artists.

An Oymun show is a minimalist theatrical piece, conceived and created through a series of facilitated workshops by a cast of 8-16 and curated by the facilitator/director. Stage set is minimal to non-existent. Lighting and sound are also minimalist, often with the cast providing ambiance and environment through movement and music. The first Oymun show, *Oymun's 11*, was presented in 2006 at the GTC Theater in Burbank, California to packed houses and sold out shows.

*The Connector Project* is a finalist for the Case Foundation Grant to further develop TNKat.org. TNKat.org is an arts organization with a focus to strengthen and support the API arts and community voice by connecting with other artists and the community throughout Los Angeles live performance and educational and innovative internet-based programs. TNKat.org's most visible and current program is "The Tuesday Night Café" show, which occurs every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in Little Tokyo, in Downtown Los Angeles during the Spring and Summer months.

*The Thumping Claw 2008*, named for "a rabbit's thumping foot to make noise and a tiger's claws to leave a mark", will be presented Summer 2008 at the Actor's Playpen Theater in Hollywood, CA. In August 2007, *The Thumping Claw One Act Series* featured *Peanuts* (written by Judy Soo Hoo and directed by Michael Hagiwara), *Jupiter and Nebula* (written and directed by Wesley Du), and *Elevator, Elevate Her* (written and directed by Jason Fong). The plays were received with rave reviews and sold out performances.

"*The Emily Project*" Directed by Jason Fong, Saturday, February 9, 2008 at The Electric Lodge Theater 1415 Electric Ave. Venice, CA 90291. A One Night Only Event. Shows are 7pm and 9pm. Tickets are \$15 Pre-Sales Online before February 8, 2008 and \$25 at the Door. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.apuykat.com/theemilyproject/boxoffice.html>. For Group Sales or a Cast Member discount please send an email to [apuykat@yahoo.com](mailto:apuykat@yahoo.com).

Proceeds to support TNKat.org's *The Connector Project*

For more information please visit:  
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An Oymun Show

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with

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Sharon Omi

Takayo Fischer

Directed by Jason Fong

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