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East West Players Announces Arts Education Orientation Night

East West Players (EWP), the nation's largest producing organization of Asian American artistic work *and* the longest-running professional theatre of color in the country, announces Arts Education Orientation Night. This orientation is free and open to the public and geared toward anyone who has ever had an inkling to enroll in a performing arts class at East West Players. On August 4, 2011 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Japanese American National Museum, EWP faculty members and Arts Education Director Marilyn Tokuda will be on hand to give an overview of classes offered and to answer questions. Instructors include: Aaron Takahashi (On Camera Commercial Audition class), Daniel Reano-Koven (Beginning Voice & Speech), Dom Magwili (Scene Study) and Leslie Ishii (Advanced Voice & Speech and Fundamentals of Acting).

"This is a great way for prospective students to learn about our classes and meet our instructors. Many people are aware of EWP's mainstage programming, but are not always aware that we offer educational programs. Past students have gone on to pursue careers in stage, film and television as well as continuing their artistic education, honing their artistic skills. We also have students enroll for personal exploration or creative fulfillment," says Marilyn Tokuda, EWP Arts Education Director.

EWP Literary Manager Jeff Liu will also be available to answer any questions related to the David Henry Hwang Writers Institute. The David Henry Hwang Writers Institute, named after Tony Award winner David Henry Hwang, is a nationally recognized force in the creation of new plays that embrace the voice of multi-ethnic America. Countless works have gone on to be read and produced by theatres around the country and numerous institute students have won writing awards and fellowships.

The Japanese American National Museum is located at 369 East 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

For questions on this orientation and all other Arts Education Programs, please contact Marilyn Tokuda at (213) 625-7000, ext. 15 or mtokuda@eastwestplayers.org. To RSVP, please email Marilyn Tokuda no later than August 2, 2011.