

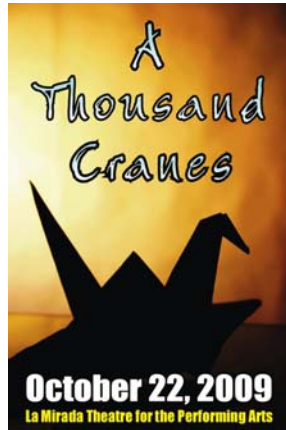


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PHANTOM PROJECTS EDUCATIONAL THEATRE'S *A THOUSAND CRANES* KICKS OFF 2009-2010 SEASON OF 'THEATRE FOR A TEEN AUDIENCE' SERIES AT *LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS*

3-PERSON CAST OF ASIAN-AMERICAN ACTORS BRINGS DRAMATIC TALE OF THE AFTERMATH OF THE HIROSHIMA BOMBINGS TO LIFE

LA MIRADA, CA. — Phantom Projects Theatre Group will present the first production of the 2009/2010 Season of the THEATRE FOR A TEEN AUDIENCE series at the *La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts* on October 22, 2009. The production, *A THOUSAND CRANES*, is directed by Kate Barrett and features a cast of 3 Asian-American actors who portray all of the characters in this true-story inspired production about the aftermath of the Hiroshima Bombing.

The show, which centers on the real-life story of Sadako Sasaki, details the little known after-effects of the radiation that lingered after attack. Although only aged 2 at the time of the bombing, the young girl is diagnosed with “*radiation sickness*” at the age of 12. During Sadako’s sickness, she learns of the power of the cranes: “*If one folds 1,000, the Gods will grant their wish and make them healthy.*”

This sickness, leukemia as we later find out, takes the life of the young girl. In this story, Sadako passes away, short of her goal. In her memory, her schoolmates finish folding the remainder.

To this day, local schools and schools throughout the world fold these same cranes and send them to Hiroshima to sit in front of a statue of Sadako that has been erected in her honor.

Due to the size and large staging of the production at *La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts*, the production will feature nearly 5,000 hand-fold paper cranes each meticulously folded by the actors and volunteers from local organizations.

The production, directed by Kate Barrett, is written by Kathryn Schultz Miller and features Keye Chen, Jenny Kang, and Jeena Yi. Costumes are designed by Taysha La Marca.

Tickets to *A Thousand Cranes* are available by calling 714-994-6310 or 562-944-9801 or going online to lamiradatheatre.com or phantomprojects.com. Tickets prices for the 10 a.m. performance are \$6, and for the 7 p.m. performance, \$6 for middle school students, \$12 for high school students, and \$20 for adults. For additional information call 714-690-2900, go online to www.PhantomProjects.com, or visit [Facebook.com/PhantomProjects](https://www.facebook.com/PhantomProjects)

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CALENDAR ITEM October 22, 2009 / 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

A Thousand Cranes by Kathryn Schultz Miller, directed by Kate Barrett

La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638

Sadako Sasaki was 2 years old when the atomic bomb dropped on the small city she lived in:

Hiroshima. Ten years later, she was diagnosed with “radiation sickness.” *A Thousand Cranes*

tells the true and poignant story of her battle and the tradition of folding origami miniatures: If a

sick person folds a thousand cranes, the Gods will grant her a wish and make her healthy. She

happily begins folding hundreds, passing away before she meets her goal.

Tickets: 10 a.m. all seats \$6; 7 p.m. - middle school students \$6; high school students \$12; adults

\$20. Group discounts available. Call 562-944-9801 714-994-6310 or going online to

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