CAMBODIAN ROCK BARD

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Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage



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By Lauren Yee Featuring songs by Dengue Fever Canadian Premiere

Cambodian Rock Band commissioned and first produced by South Coast Repertory with support from the Time Warner Foundation.

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CAST

Kayla Sakura Charchuk Pou/S-21 Guard/Keyboard Nicco Lorenzo Garcia Duch Jay Leonard Juatco Leng/Ted/Cadre/Electric Guitar Jun Kung Rom/Journalist/Drums/Percussion Kimberly-Ann Truong Neary/Sothea Raugi Yu Chum/Electric Bass Guitar

CREATIVE

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Mary Ancheta Musical Director
Jung-Hye Kim Set Designer
Stephanie Kong Costume Designer
Itai Erdal Lighting Designer
Ace Martens Sound Designer
Matthew Ip Shaw Fight Director
Johnny D Trinh Assistant Director
Peter Heang Cultural Consultant
Sothea Thangdy "Amy" Kim Dialect Coach
Sophea Heang Community Engagement Consultant

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Arts Club at our Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage for your performance of *Cambodian Rock Band*. We're so happy that you've joined us, and we hope this visit inspires you to come back to see live theatre at the Arts Club again. Did you know our name, Arts Club Theatre Company, comes from our 1958 origins as a private club for visual artists, musicians, and actors? In 1964, a group of twenty or so local theatre practitioners and theatre-lovers banded together to convert an attic above that pub into a small performance space—our original home at the Seymour Street Stage.

From our origins as a small, scrappy pub theatre to our current existence as one of Canada's largest theatrical institutions, we have spent 61 years fostering pathways and opportunities for artists and craftspeople, creating a framework for art to flourish in our city. Distinctively, the Arts Club was created by local artists for the local community: we are Canadian-made and Canadian-proud!

So, we invite you to take in our justannounced 2025–2026 season. Here, at our Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, our season ticket series includes the hit musicals *Disney's FROZEN* and *Come From Away*, the reinvention of the classic *A Doll's House*, the emotional journey of *Kimberly Akimbo*, and the intrigue of *Dial M for Murder*. At our Granville Island Stage, four new productions will delight you, starting with the heartwarming *Louisa May Alcott's Little Women* for the holidays, followed by Mark Crawford's *The Golden Anniversaries*, the satiric comedy *Franklinland*, and the hilarious *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

At our Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre, check out Savage Society's You used to call me Marie..., WONDERHEADS Theatre's A WONDERHEADS Christmas Carol, and Adrian Glynn McMorran's You're Just a Place That I Know. We're also bringing back the sweet tones of The Gingerbread Men for a week of holiday serenading.

Come join us next season for this exciting lineup of endless possibilities at the Arts Club. You can renew or purchase your season ticket package right now online at artsclub.com, or by calling our box office at 604.687.1644. And please consider adding a tax-deductible donation to support our not-for-profit charitable organization in the work we do on stage and in this community.

Can't wait to see you there!

Ashlie Corcoran Artistic Director **Peter Cathie White** Executive Director



The Arts Club gratefully acknowledges Play Patrons Neil Duke & Candace Yip.

COSTUMING CAMBODIAN ROCK BAND

Costume designer Stephanie Kong shares her inspiration for the show:



I mashed up traditional Cambodian textiles with popular western 1970s colour-block prints for our Cyclos, as they navigate being a Cambodian rock band creating "Western-style" rock and roll—making music that the playwright Lauren Yee describes as both foreign yet familiar.



Chum's look is inspired by my dad, who grew up in Southeast Asia. I chose to give Chum his own version of vintage, pulling images of old 1950s tourism posters to create the graphic for his 1970s tee.

SONG LIST

Side A

- "Jeas Cyclo Version A" by Yol Aularong
- "Uku" by Dengue Fever
- "Old Pot Still Cooks Good Rice" by Ros Serey Sothea
- "Family Business" by Dengue Fever
- "One Thousand Tears of a Tarantula" by Dengue Fever
- "Cement Slippers" by Dengue Fever

Side B

- "Champa Battambang" by Sinn Sisamouth
- "Sni Bong" by Dengue Fever
- "The Times They Are A-Changin" by Bob Dylan
- "Tooth and Nail" by Dengue Fever
- "I'm Sixteen (Chnam Oun Dawp-Pram Mouy)" by Voy Ho/Ros Serey Sothea
- "Jeas Cyclo Version B Reprise" by Yol Aularong
- "Today I Learnt to Drink (Doo Wop)" by Ros Serey Sothea

A SONIC BALM FOR JARRING TIMES: DENGUE FEVER AND THE MUSIC OF *CAMBODIAN ROCK BAND*

"Cambodian Rock Band is a raucous, joyful tribute to Cambodia's lost surf-rock scene of the '60s and '70s," explains playwright Lauren Yee. To recreate the distinctive aural landscape of this lost world, Yee turned to the Los Angeles band Dengue Fever. She recalls first encountering the group at a music festival and being "floored by their sound," which is heavily inspired by Cambodian psychedelic pop and surf-rock, including such artists as Sinn Sisamouth, Ros Serey Southea, and Pen Ran. Yet the fun, carefree energy of these artists' songs makes for a stark contrast to the grim times they experienced in the Khmer Rouge-controlled Cambodia of the 1960s and 1970s. Indeed, tragically, by the midto-late '70s these artists, among many others, had "disappeared" and ultimately perished under Pol Pot's brutal regime. The tension between the ebullient quality of this music—influenced by the sunny vibes of California groups like the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean—and the perilous conditions of everyday life in Khmer Rougeera Cambodia is central to Yee's play as the story shifts between the past and present.

The music of Dengue Fever contributes immensely to bringing this specific time and place back to life. From its inception in the late 1990s, the group aimed to pay homage to the Cambodian pop and rock music of decades past. To this end, brothers Zac and Ethan Holtzman enlisted the Cambodian-born singer Chhom Nimol, who grew up partly in a refugee camp in Thailand as Cambodia was gripped by civil war. After immigrating to the US in 2001, Nimol gained local notice for performing at venues in Long Beach, California's Little Phnom Penh neighbourhood; some early admirers might have recognized her as the winner of an American Idol-style national singing competition in Cambodia in 1997. In Dengue Fever, Nimol would sing both in Khmer and English and would alternate between cover versions of classic Cambodian songs and original tracks created by the band. Rounding out Dengue Fever's sound were bassist Senon Williams, drummer Paul Smith, and saxophonist David Ralicke.



Image source: https://denguefevermusic.com/bio/

Dengue Fever released their self-titled debut album in 2003. Across seven full albums and four EPs since, the band has attracted critical acclaim and a fanbase that appreciates their unique style and sound. Taking stock of their third album, Venus on Earth (2008), one reviewer wrote, "Drenched in reverb, soaked in sweat, marinated in some phantom historical moment yet tethered to the now, Dengue Fever is more innovative and resourceful than 99-percent of the bands that receive 99 times the publicity." The stand-out original track "Tiger Phone Card," a duet between Nimol and Zac Holtzman, was "a tale of a long distance Phnom Penh-NYC romance...the pop smash Yoko Ono might have had in an alternate universe."

Twenty years after their debut, Dengue Fever returned with *Ting Mong* (2023), which the group describes as "seek[ing] the sonic balm these times so desperately need." The title refers to "an effigy of protection, a scarecrow-like figure usually placed at the entrance of a village or a home. It wards off diseases and evil spirits. We're all in desperate need of a Ting Mong," concluded the band members. Their *Ting Mong*, then, is a "half hour of mellow, soothing music...but also a reaction to what humanity at large faces." Dengue Fever aimed for "a sound that could be comforting" as "life kept proving so jarring."

Together with their enduring affection for the surf-rock tunes from a dark chapter of Cambodia's past, Dengue Fever's ability to strike such a delicate balance—the consolation of ephemeral musical pleasures made in and for fraught, turbulent times—made them the perfect choice to soundtrack Lauren Yee's *Cambodian Rock Band*.

REMEMBERING CAMBODIAN ROCK AND ROLL

Music: The Soul of Cambodia

Western instruments and influences brought new sounds to Cambodia between the 1950s and 1970s. Several waves of modern music that eventually evolved into Cambodian rock and roll include the early French influence of folk music during Cambodia's French Protectorate.

French Yé-yé, a style of popular music that emerged in Europe in the 1960s, and Afro-Cuban music were also embraced by Cambodian youth looking for new musical outlets and expressions to explore identity following Cambodia's independence from colonialism. Finally, another wave is attributed to the Vietnam War; the presence of American soldiers in Vietnam imported Anglo-American influences into neighbouring Cambodia.

In 1959, the first guitar band to emerge in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, was called Baksei Cham Krong. Mol Kamach was lead vocalist, his brother Mol Kagnol was lead guitarist, and Hong Samley was rhythm guitarist. Baksei Cham Krong drew inspiration from Cliff Richards, The Shadows, and The Ventures.

Another early band was Bayon, whose musical creations were inspired by The Kinks, Johnny Hallyday, and Elvis Presley. The band Apszara formed in 1961 and aspired to emulate The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Beach Boys. Finally, Drakkar Band was influenced by Santana.



Drakkar Band, 1974 album cover. Left to right: Chattha, Sareth, Sam Ath, Tana. © Photo courtesy of Touch Chattha.

"Music brought social change, it hit the heart of everyone. I know that the only way to help the country to become a democracy is freedom of mind... Rock'n' roll music. Rock 'n' roll music makes more sense than everything else." —Touch Tana



Baksei Cham Krong, 1959. Front, left to right: Mol Kamach, Mol Kagnol, Samley Hong. © Photo courtesy of Mol Kamach.

"Kamach got all the girls and I got all the boys... boys who wanted to play guitar!" —Mol Kagnol



Cyclo drivers in Phnom Penh, 1970s. © Photo courtesy of Documentation Center of Cambodia.



Yol Aularong's Band, 1973. Left to right: Sieng Vanthy, Sambath, Yol Aularong, Pen Ram. The band played a well-attended concert at a French high school called Lycée Français René Descartes in Phnom Penh, near the historical site of Wat Phnom. Aularong was known as a social commentator. Ben Sisario of *The New York Times* referred to the artist as "a charismatic proto-punk who mocked conformist society." © Photo courtesy of Department of Cinema and Cultural Diffusion, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



The cyclo was a common form of transportation in Phnom Penh. Rock-and-roll star Yol Aularong's song "Cyclo," featured in *Cambodian Rock Band*, became a cultural emblem and is still revered as an iconic rock-and-roll hit. The song is flirtatious, teasing young women at Central Market wearing fashionable tops that resembled maternity blouses. © Photo courtesy of DC-CAM.



King Norodum Sihanouk signing Cambodia's Declaration of Independence in 1953. The First Kingdom of Cambodia, under Sihanouk, lasted from 1953 to 1970. The administration lost its power to a military coup d'état on October 9, 1970. US-backed Lon Nol became prime minister until the fall of Phnom Penh to the Khmer Rouge in 1975. © Photo courtesy of DC-CAM.



Sinn Sisamouth and Ros Serey Sothea. © Photo courtesy of CVMA.



Singer Huoy Meas (centre) also hosted a one-hour radio show on the National Radio of Cambodia. © Photo courtesy of Bophana Center.



TVK network television, 1970. Left to right, in military outfits: Svay Sor, Touch Chhattha, Chorn Peng Leng, Ly Tay Cheang, Sem Sopheap, Huoy Meas, Sang Ben. © Photo courtesy of Touch Chhatta.

Phnom Penh was a flourishing, sophisticated, and rich cultural hub that attracted many aspiring musicians from Cambodia's countryside, including a major rice-growing province called Battambang. Ros Serey Sothea, dubbed "Queen with the Golden Voice," travelled from home in Battambang to Phnom Penh with a traditional singing group to pursue a singing career. Singers Sinn Sisamouth and Ros Serey Sothea performed together throughout their entire careers.

Sinn Sisamouth's enduring legacy, "Champa Battambong," is played in *Cambodian Rock Band*.

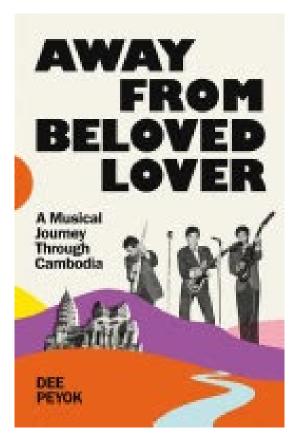
The National Radio of Cambodia (RNK) also served as a recording studio for the musicians. The artists recorded live on set; their songs playing on the radio in real time. Eager fans listened on the radio at home. Cyclo drivers and other city dwellers gathered around the big radio speakers, posted at Central Market in Phnom Penh to hear their favourite artists including rock-and-roll icons and their latest releases. Singer Huoy Meas's radio show appealed to a youth audience, who listened faithfully every day to the latest hit songs and to interviews with their favourite singers.



Various 1960s/1970s Cambodian artists' record sleeves, including Pen Ran, who embodied the emancipation of the 1960s era, and was known for her flamboyant and sassy rock dance moves and appeal to youth audiences. © Photo courtesy of CVMA.



Left: Ros Serey Sothea shares the same name as Chum's band member Sothea in Cambodian Rock Band. Her singing voice helped define Cambodia's music scene in the 1960s, including rockand-roll music. She recorded over 500 songs. © Photo courtesy of CVMA.



Left: Thach Soly's, Touch Tana's, Mol Kagnol's, and Keo Sinan's commentary are extracted from Dee Peyok's book Away from Beloved Lover: A Musical Journey Through Cambodia, a musical travelogue that tells the story of Cambodia, past and present. It is available for order locally from The Book Warehouse, Nooroongji. ca, Indigo Books and Kobo eBook.



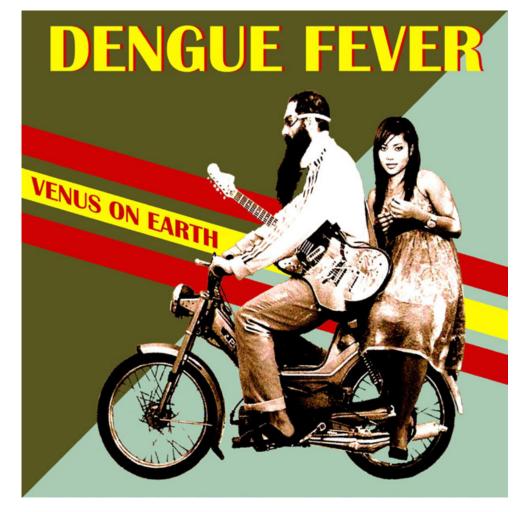
Yorthea Phirom Band in the movie *La Joie de Vivre* in 1968, written and directed by Sihanouk. © Photo used with permission from the Cambodian Royal Cabinet.

Political Turmoil and Civil Unrest

The arts, including Cambodian rock and roll, thrived in the midst of political chaos marked by the Vietnam War (1955 to 1975) and a coup d'état led by Lon Nol that established a Khmer Republic from 1970 to 1975. The most devastating atrocity was the Khmer Rouge insurgency led by Pol Pot. During his Year Zero, from April 17, 1975, to January 7, 1979, 1.5-2 million people died either from execution, exhaustion, illness, or famine. Some youth were unable to grasp the gravity of the Khmer Rouge invasion. Despite curfews in place, seeking the solace and escape of music, the youth gathered at house parties to listen and dance to their favourite Cambodian rock and roll.



On April 17, 1975, under the guise of protecting Cambodian urban dwellers in the capital city of Phnom Penh from American bombings, Khmer Rouge soldiers invaded and evacuated the inhabitants to forced labour camps through armed force. Intellectuals, artists including musicians, all remnants of a capitalist society were to be eradicated. © Photo courtesy of DC-CAM.



Venus on Earth (2008) © Album artwork courtesy of Dengue Fever.

Dengue Fever, whose music is heard in *Cambodian Rock Band*, is a contemporary American band who take their influence from Cambodian music of the 1960s and 1970s. Their albums are available for purchase online from *shop. denguefevermusic.com*

Cambodian Rock and Roll Lives On

"When the bombs came, with the clothes on my back, I took my records. I didn't care about anything, just the clothes on my back and my records," said Keo Sinan, a drummer who played at La Melodie nightclub and record collector. It is thanks to his fearless actions to preserve these record collections that so much of the music has endured for fans of Cambodian oldies and rock and roll worldwide.



Keo Sinan worked with Rotanak Orodom Oum and Nate Hen, founders of the Cambodian Vintage Music Archive, to digitize the records he safeguarded during the Khmer Rouge regime. © Photo courtesy of Martin Jay.



A worksite in the time of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia, circa 1977. © Photo courtesy of DC-CAM.



Tuol Sleng, a former high school that is now a genocide museum in Phnom Penh, in 1979. The S-21 prison was the most notorious of the 189 known execution centres in Cambodia. Comrade Duch, as depicted in *Cambodian Rock Band* and whose real name is Kang Kek Iew, was the first Khmer Rouge leader to go to trial in 2009. In 2010, he was found guilty of crimes against humanity. Approximately 14,000–17,000 prisoners were detained at the S-21 prison. They were tortured in old brick cells that served as classrooms in the former high school. Only twelve prisoners are believed to have survived at S-21, where mostly elite prisoners were detained. © Photo courtesy of DC-CAM.



The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia in 2007. © Photo courtesy of DC-DAM.

In Search for Justice and Memory

Started in 1997 and dissolved in 2022, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia was a joint court established by the United Nations and the government of Cambodia to try the senior and most responsible leaders of the Khmer Rouge.



Sophan Dontrey. © Photo courtesy of Thach Soly.



Thach Soly in 2014. © Photo courtesy of Kevin Peyok. Thach Soly was an active rock-and-roll musician from 1963-1970 and started the band Sophoan Dontrey, a five-piece band with a rhythm guitar, lead guitar, bass guitar, drums, and vocals. Unlike other early musicians who formed guitar bands, Soly did not come from a wealthy family. "I had to create my own knowledge with the music, no one else was going to teach me, so I had to teach myself how to play." In 1960, a determined Soly entered a music competition at the National Congress, in Phnom Penh. Judged by Holocaust survivor and music teacher Maurice Liebot at the Université Royale des Beaux-Arts, Phnom Penh, Soly won the competition and soon landed regular rock and roll sessions for the National Radio of Cambodia. He recorded 120 songs and wrote his own lyrics. Soly survived the genocide and now in his 80s, he continues to live in Cambodia.

Roots of Compassion

Healing and reconciliation are also shaped by relationships that first-generation genocide survivors have with their children. As revealed in *Cambodian Rock Band*, the wounds of war and genocide also scar subsequent generations. Cambodian oldies and rock and roll thrived in a culturally rich society and, in the blink of an eye, underwent an incomprehensible demise.

Cambodian rock and roll is a timeless medium. For many survivors, the genre contains buried fragments from the past, inciting painful memories and an unspeakable longing for irretrievable family heirlooms. A shared passion for Cambodian

rock and roll also creates opportunities for dialogue about resilience between survivors and their children that can bridge generations, heal misunderstandings, and uncover untold personal histories. The music of the past continues to cultivate meaningful family bonds to last a lifetime and beyond.

"Remembering Cambodian Rock and Roll" Written and compiled by Sophea Heang for the Arts Club Theatre Company, 2025

Sophea Heang is a poet and co-founder of Angkor Harvest–Cambodian food ambassadors–serving the hallmarks of Cambodian cuisine. Sophea is currently completing her first book, Remember me in Stillness, a prose and poetry memoir that examines the inter-generational genocide experience of Cambodian-Canadians.



To learn more about the history of the Cambodian genocide, download the **Khmer Rouge History app**, generously provided by the Bophana Audiovisual Resource Center.

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Watch the documentary <u>Don't Think I've</u> <u>Forgotten (2014)</u> by John Pirozzi

Watch *In the Life of Music* (2018), a film by Caylee So and Sok Visal

Watch this webinar from Dr. LinDa Saphan, Center for Khmer Studies on Cambodia's Golden Voices Legacies

The Arts Club is grateful for our community! Thank you for your support of *Cambodian Rock Band*:

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Angkor Harvest, Sophea Heang, Panya Neou, Chef Chanthy Yen Bophana Center, Phnom Penh Dengue Fever, Josh Mills

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Mary Ancheta Musical Director

For the Arts Club as Musical Director: 'da Kink in My Hair, Million Dollar Quartet
Other Mary Ancheta traveled

to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in December of 2024 as research to prep for *Cambodian Rock Band*. There she learned more about the history and the culture of the Khmer people. Mary visited the S21 Site and took field recordings while learning about traditional Cambodian instruments and bringing a few back to use for the show. She is a composer for film and TV, as well as for her own jazz group, the Mary Ancheta Quartet. They have just returned from their debut performances in Australia and have been selected to represent Canada at the World Expo in Osaka, Japan in 2025.



Kayla Sakura Charchuk Pou/S-21 Guard/Keyboard

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre We Will Rock You (Ensemble), Cats (Keyboard 2) (Theatre Under

the Stars); *Heathers* (Music Director) (Bug's Backyard Theatre)

Other Graduate of SFU: BA, PoliSci. I'm ecstatic to make my Arts Club debut with this incredible team and I will forever be grateful for this opportunity! To my parents and my late grandmother Vivian. (Thank you to Ben, Crystal, and my friends!)

@charchukk



Itai ErdalLighting Designer

For the Arts Club Primary
Trust, Every Brilliant Thing,
Elf: The Musical, Million
Dollar Quartet, The Sound of

Music, 'da Kink in My Hair, Buffoon
Other Theatre Itai has designed over 350
shows, including 16 for the Arts Club, 14 for
Studio 58, and 11 for the Stratford Festival.
He has written and performed in five plays,
including This Is Not a Conversation and
Soldiers of Tomorrow.

Other Winner of six Jessie awards, a Dora award, a Dublin Fringe Design award, a Critics' Choice Spotlight award, a Jack King award, a Winnipeg Theatre award, a Guthrie award, a Lustrum award; shortlisted twice for the Siminovitch Prize. You can see Itai's acclaimed one-man show *How to Disappear Completely* at the Cultch from March 15–22.





Arts Club Debut
Other Theatre This Is How We
Got Here (Green Light Arts);
Long Division (Pi); Same Same
But Different

(Nightswimming); The King & I (Gateway);
Lady in the Red Dress (FuGen); *People
Power (CBT); **Paper Series (Cahoots);
Hana's Suitcase (Grand); Prison Dancer
(Factory); Ice: Beyond Cool/Fire: Where
There's Smoke (DanceArts)

Film & TV ***Abroad (Omni); ***Topline
(CBC); Slip (Hulu); Painkiller (Netflix);
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(Discovery); Conviction (ABC); Rising Suns
(Rogers); Ang Pamana: The Inheritance
(PC3); DeGrassi: The Next Generation
(Epitome); Street Time (Showtime)

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Peter HeangCultural Consultant

Arts Club Debut
Other I am extremely
excited to share my
cultural, historical, and

personal experiences to help make the play an unforgettable success! I am child of Cambodian refugees who fled the Cambodian Genocide of the 1970s and have both a lived experience and historical insight of the tragic events before, during, and after the Khmer Rouge regime. I am currently a small business owner with my lovely wife and partner, Laurie. We design and create floral art, specializing in events.



Sophea Heang Community Engagement Consultant

Arts Club Debut
Other Sophea Heang is a poet
and co-founder of Angkor
Harvest, serving the hallmarks

of Cambodian cuisine. Sophea is currently completing her first book, *Remember me in Stillness*, a prose and poetry memoir that examines the inter-generational genocide experience of Cambodian-Canadians. She enjoys solitude and listening, in the forest. Sophea loves laughing with family and friends, while eating delicious food.



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Peter Jotkus Assistant Stage Manager

For the Arts Club Choir Boy, Forgiveness, Kim's Convenience (tour), Cost of Living, The Orchard, The

Humans, Jitters, Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches, Good People, One Man, Two Guvnors, Santaland Diaries, Next to Normal, The Three Musketeers

Other Theatre Belfry Theatre, Pacific Opera, Vancouver Playhouse, Electric Company, Bard on the Beach, SFU Woodward's Theatre Calgary, Citadel, Banff Centre, MTC, Canadian Stage, the National Arts Centre, Stratford Festival, Shaw Festival, Livent, Opera Atelier, Centaur, Charlottetown Festival; touring: Luminato Festival, Toronto; Royce Hall, Los Angeles; DeSingel, Antwerp; BAM, New York; Edinburgh International Festival; Kammerspiel, Munich; American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco; Bergen Festival, Norway; Wellington Festival; Adelaide Festival; Barbican Theatre, London; World Stage **Festival**

Other Graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada.



Jay Leonard Juatco Leng/Ted/Cadre/Electric Guitar

For the Arts Club Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol (2021, 2024)

Other Theatre Sandy Lam World Tour (Hong Kong Coliseum, MGM Grand Arena [Las Vegas], Hammersmith Apollo [London], Singapore Outdoor Stadium), Zihuantanejo International Guitar Festival, Hard Rock Casino (Dominican Republic), Rockin' 1000 (Commerzbank Arena [Germany]). Other favourite touring acts: Warren Flandez, Redeye Empire, Universal Gospel Choir, Rosemary Siemens' "Have a Little Faith" Tour

Other Graduate of the Berklee College of Music (Boston MA); *Guitar World* magazine and Guitar.com contributor; Content Creator (JayLeonardJ YouTube Page, Thomann Music UK's "Gearhead University," Hughes & Kettner's "SpiritCon," "42 Gear Street").



Jung-Hye Kim Set Designer

Arts Club Debut
Other Theatre Something
Rotten (Theatre Sheridan);
Guilt: A Love Story (Tarragon
Theatre); Mary Poppins

(Theatre Sheridan); Lady M (1S1 Theatre); The Chinese Lady (Studio 180, Dora award for Outstanding Costume Design); The Nightingale of a Thousand Songs (CCOC);

Hamlet-911 (Stratford Festival) **Other** I'm thrilled to be joining this wonderful team for my Arts Club debut!



Sothea Thangdy "Amy" Kim Dialect Coach

Arts Club Debut
Film & TV First They Killed
My Father (Hollywood film);
Taste of Life (Cambodian soap

opera), My Place (Cambodian reality TV series); Dream Station, Don't Wait for Rain (Cambodian TV series)

Other Author of the book A Child of the Mother. 4th ABU award winner for the Best Feature TV for Climate Change Adaptation, 1st Cambodian National Short Film nominee, Chaktomok Short Film nominee. I couldn't be more excited to join this incredible team for my debut at the Arts Club!



Stephanie Kong Costume Designer For the Arts Club The Flick (debut, 2016); favourites: The Great Leap, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

Other Theatre The Hobbit (Pacific Theatre); Homecoming (Urban Ink); Jesus Christ Superstar (Western Canada Theatre/Thousand Island Playhouse); As Above (Belfry Theatre); Something Rotten! (Theatre Under the Stars)

Film & TV Firebug, The Watchful Eye (Assistant Costume Design); Alert: Missing Persons Unit (Costume Supervisor); Legends of Tomorrow, The Magicians (Lead Costume Builder)

Other Ovation! award winner Jessie award nominee, CAFTCAD Award nominee. Graduate of UBC, BFA: Theatre Production & Design. Instagram: @stephanieytkong



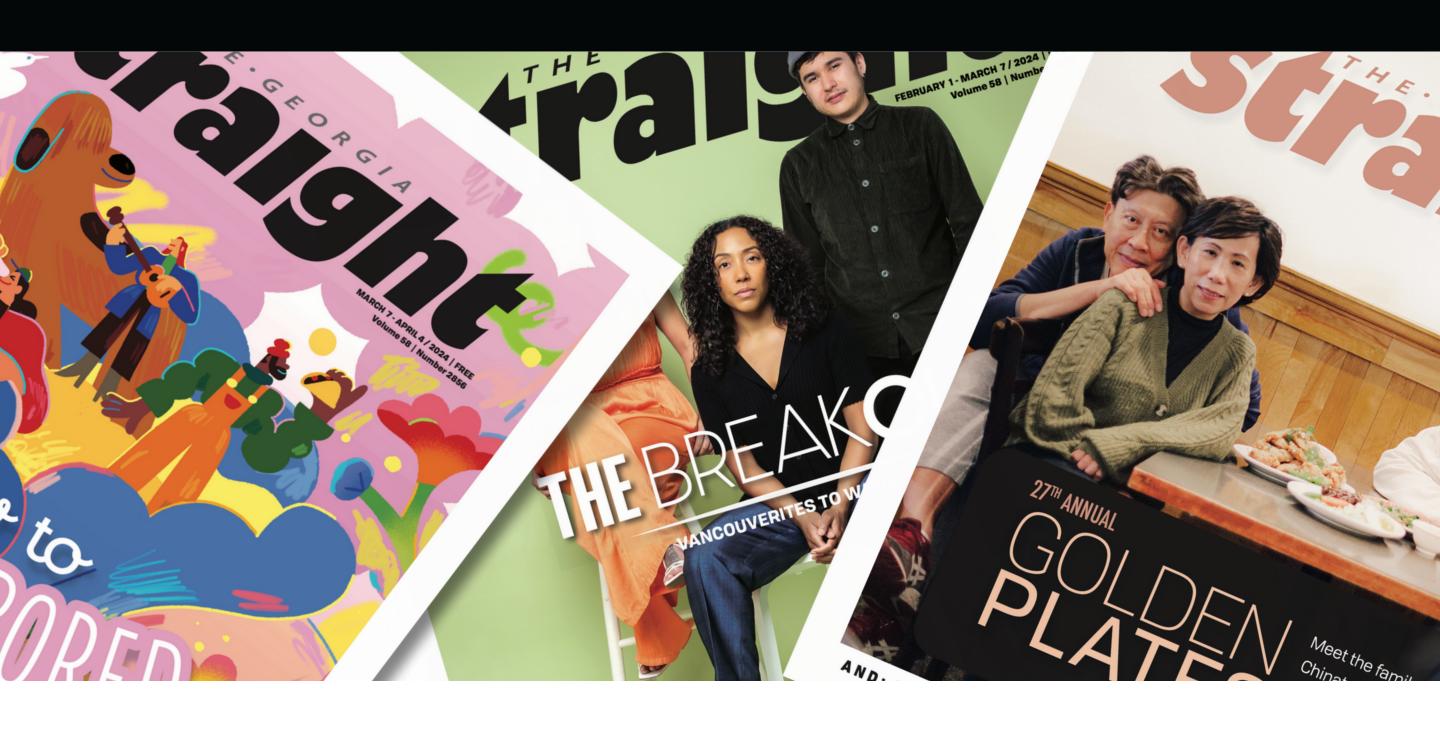
Jun Kung Rom/Journalist/ Drums/Percussion Arts Club Debut

Other Theatre Jesus Christ Superstar, Little Shop of Horrors (1995–1996)

Film & TV *Time & Tide* 9); *Kill Zone 2* (Hung Mun Biu

(Miguel, 1999); *Kill Zone 2* (Hung Mun Biu, 2015)

Other Studio and touring musician for over 20 years; Coco Lee Beijing Concert, 2003; Jacky Cheung "Light Year" 2007 World Tour (Las Vegas: Colosseum, Caesars Palace); Eason Chan "DUO" 2011 World Tour (The O2 London); Faye Wong 2012 World Tour



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Ace Martens Sound Designer

For the Arts Club Sound Design credits include Once, Waiting Room, The Shoplifters. Ace has been a member of the Arts Club

Production Team for 15 years, working on well over a hundred productions. Currently, Ace is the Director of Production.

Other In addition to freelance work as a technical director for other companies such as Search Party, Electric Company, and Canadian Stage, Ace is also a musician and songwriter, a member of the band Echuta, and was the show runner and production designer for Paul Anthony's *Talent Time* for over a decade. Ace is also a very proud dad and husband.



Erika Morey Stage Manager

For the Arts Club Choir Boy, Forgiveness Other Theatre Salesman in China, La Cage aux Folles, Monty Python's Spamalot,

Frankenstein: Revived (Stratford Festival);
Boy Falls from the Sky (Mirvish); Anne of
Green Gables: The Musical, Jesus Christ
Superstar, Mamma Mia!, Kronborg,
Métis Mutt, Ghost Light, Spinning Yarns
(Charlottetown Festival); Rose: A New
Musical, The Seagull (Soulpepper Theatre);
The Marriage of Figaro (Edmonton Opera);
thirsty, King Lear (National Arts Centre);
upcoming: Dance Nation (The Search
Party); Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
(Theatre Under the Stars)



Jivesh Parasram Director

For the Arts Club Someone Like You (debut, 2023); Other Theatre East Van Pantos: Robin Hood, Beauty and the Beast (Theatre

Replacement/Cultch); SWIM (Pandemic/Conspiracy); Take d Milk, Nah?, Daughter (Pandemic); Measure for Measure (Bard on the Beach); Szepty/Whispers (Rumble/V. West); Sound of the Beast (TPM)
Other Award-winning multi-disciplinary artist of Indo-Caribbean decent; Co-Founder, Pandemic Theatre; Artistic Director, Rumble Theatre.



Matthew Ip Shaw Fight Director

Arts Club Debut
Other Matthew Ip Shaw
is an actor, director, and
fight choreographer from

Vancouver, B.C. After training at Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York, Matt began performing fights with the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center. Soon after, Matt found himself in London where he landed a role in the independent film, See the Animal, which has had a very successful run at festivals including the Toronto Shorts International Film Festival and the Lone Star Film Fest. As an Asian-Canadian, Matt strives for equality in the arts and has made it his mission to foster an all-inclusive environment for creators from all societal backgrounds and skill levels.



Johnny D Trinh Assistant Director

Arts Club Debut
Other Theatre A Man A Fish
(Persephone); The 25th Annual
Putnam County Spelling Bee

(Souris Valley); Here Be Dragons (Impact)
Other Vancouver Poetry House, Historic
Joy Kogawa House, Stage to Page; uRegina,
uWaterloo, Banff Centre, Dell'Arte
International, RCPA; Zaccheus Jackson
Nyce Award. "It takes a community to build
an artist... whether we are nurtured by it, or
resist against it."



Kimberly-Ann Truong Neary/ Sothea

Arts Club Debut Other Theatre selected credits: *Miss Saigon* (on Broadway), four seasons at

the Stratford Festival, two seasons at the Charlottetown Festival

Film & TV Run The Burbs, Kim's Convenience (CBC); Star Trek: Strange New Worlds (Paramount+); Sex/Life, My Little Pony (Netflix); Mermicorno Starfall, Total Drama Island (HBOMax)

Other "Kimmy" continually strives to tell important stories, normalize minority voices, push boundaries and chase all her dreams. This has fuelled her to play pivotal roles on Broadway, star in multiple seasons at the Stratford Festival and rapidly find success as a Film, TV and Voiceover artist. Thank you to every person involved in this production. All my love to my family—given and chosen.



Raugi Yu Chum/Electric Bass Guitar

For the Arts Club The Men in White, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Jitters, The Shoplifters,

Carried Away on the Crest of a Wave, Miracle on 34th Street

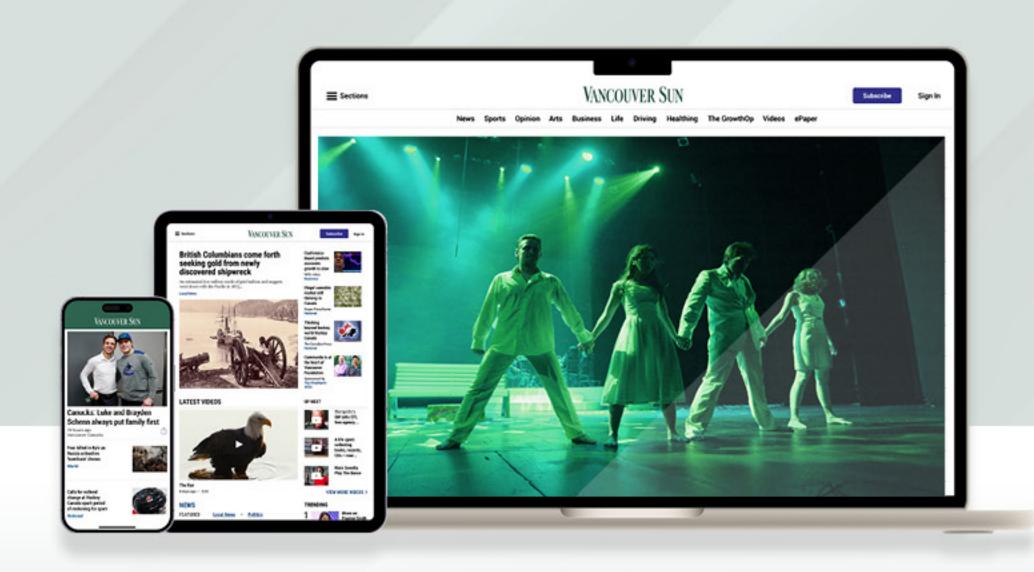
Other Theatre Hurricane Mona (The Cultch); Our Ghosts (Firehall); Hurry Hard (Chemainus Theatre Festival); The Comedy of Errors, Measure for Measure (Bard on the Beach, 2024); Grandma Gangsta Guerilla (Ruby Slippers)

Film & TV guest star/recurring/principal on various TV shows and films, such as *Kung-Fu*, *Big Sky*, *A Winning Team*

Other Graduate of the UBC, BFA: Acting program. Jessie and Leo nominee. Director for feature film Attic Trunk. Director, Producer and lead for Calvin and Jerzy. Raugi is so happy to be on this production with such a fabulous team and he is very grateful to his wife and kids for always saying yes to being on this rollercoaster of a journey with him. He extends his special thanks to Bryn Williams, Alex Flock, and Jim Preston.

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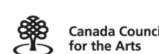


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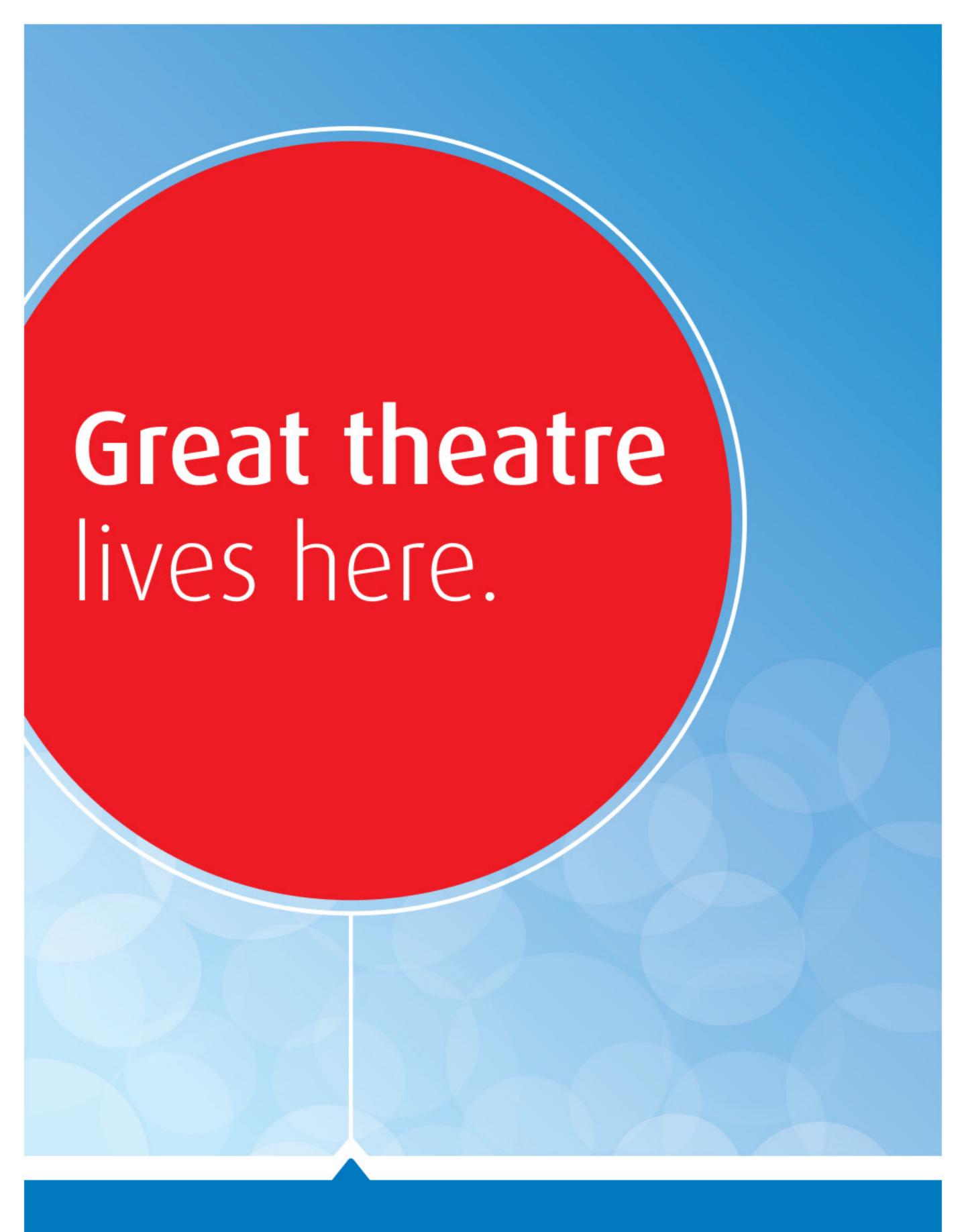
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