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Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company Announces *A Piece of My Heart- Perspectives on Vietnam for Today's Youth*

Information Session on April 27th outlines partnership between Mo'olelo, The Veterans Museum and Memorial Center and Young Audiences of San Diego.

Wednesday, March 30, 2005- San Diego, CA- Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company, a theatre organization dedicated to broadening the scope of San Diego's cultural environment, announced today a groundbreaking arts and education project to be launched in conjunction with Mo'olelo's next featured theatre production *A Piece of My Heart*. Slated to run in Fall 2005, this timely script, written by Shirley Lauro, is based on the lesser-known true stories of the 265,000 American women who served in the Vietnam War, and follows six diverse female veterans throughout their enlistment, tour of duty, and eventual return home.

As part of a unique partnership with the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center and Young Audiences of San Diego, the project, titled *A Piece of My Heart – Perspectives on Vietnam for Today's Youth*, enriches student learning by linking artists and veterans with local high school students. Through performances, discussions and school workshops, the project aims to build bridges across ethnic, generational, socioeconomic, and ideological divides, fostering cross-cultural competence and mutual respect. The project is also designed to meet California Department of Education High School Skills and Content Standards in the subject areas of History-Social Science, Visual and Performing Arts, and Language Arts, making it an ideal program for teachers looking for a unique and interactive learning platform.

To generate awareness and gain support for the project, Mo'olelo is holding an open house information session and reception on **Wednesday, April 27, 2005 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center** at 2115 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101. The presentation will include an overview of the program, a reading of excerpts from the play *A Piece of My Heart*, and sample exercises from our innovative in-class workshops. Educators will have an opportunity to register their classes for this program, and donors will be provided with sponsorship and benefits information. The general public is welcome and attendees are asked to RSVP by April 25 at 858-761-3871 or seema@moolelo.net.

About Mo'olelo

Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company, recipient of the McDonald Playwriting and the Anti-Discrimination Awards, is dedicated to broadening the scope of San Diego theatre by telling interesting and lesser known stories about diverse cultures. Its mission is to create new works based on research within various communities; produce lesser-known works by master and contemporary playwrights, and educate youth in the areas of technical theatre and design. Mo'olelo is committed to providing a living wage for its artists and works closely with Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers. To learn more, visit www.moolelo.net.