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**Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company to Produce Staged Reading of
The Squirrel Wife by Kimber Lee**

Wednesday, March 2, 2005- San Diego, CA- Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company, a theatre organization dedicated to broadening the scope of San Diego's cultural environment, announced they will produce a staged reading of *The Squirrel Wife*, a new play in development by emerging Korean-American playwright and actress, Kimber Lee, on March 22 at 7 PM at The Taiwanese American Community Center at 7170 Convoy Court in San Diego.

Presented in conjunction with *ASIA: The Journal of Culture & Commerce* and the Taiwanese American Community Center, *The Squirrel Wife* is the second in a series of playreadings being produced by Mo'olelo this year. Their first reading, titled *The Land Southward*, drew a packed house and excellent feedback.

The Squirrel Wife is part fairy-tale, part American myth, and part romantic comedy. Set in southwestern Idaho and touching on themes of transnational adoption, the goal of this reading is to solicit feedback from the audience for the continued development of this script. Playwright Kimber Lee will be present for a post-show discussion.

Born in South Korea and raised in southwestern Idaho, Lee is a writer and actress currently based in Seattle, WA. Her acting credits include work with A Contemporary Theatre, Seattle Repertory Theatre, California Shakespeare Festival, Intiman Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, and Indiana Repertory Theatre. Her writing has been published nationally in *KoreAm Journal*, and *Audrey Magazine*, and her play *The Squirrel Wife* was selected for the annual Mae West Festival of New Work in 2003.

The reading will be directed by Kirsten Brandt (Director of *The Intelligent Design of Jenny Chow* at The Old Globe and former Artistic Director of Sledgehammer Theatre) and the cast includes Nick Cordileone, Paul James Kruse*, Kimber Lee*, Robert Townsend* and Anne Tran, and will be Stage Managed by Debbie Luce*.

Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$10. Reservations can be made at 619-342-7395 or tickets@moolelo.net.

Later this season, the company will produce a reading of *The Adoption Project*, written by Mo'olelo's artistic team. Mo'olelo plans to run its next full scale production in the Fall when it will produce *A Piece of My Heart*, a moving story written by Shirley Lauro about the women who served in the Vietnam War. For the latest schedule and ticket information, visit www.moolelo.net.



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About Mo`olelo

Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company, recipient of the McDonald Playwriting Award, 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.

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