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**MO'OLELO PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY ANNOUNCES  
A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Special Library Preview Event, Film Screening, and More**

**October 26, 2007 - San Diego, CA** - Award-winning Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company has joined with the San Diego Public Library to offer a unique opportunity to experience literature and live theatre, and to explore the world of literary re-invention through Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac* and a critically-acclaimed new play by Asian American playwright Michael Golamco called ***Cowboy Versus Samurai***.

A hilarious alternative to regular holiday fare, ***Cowboy Versus Samurai*** is a brilliantly funny Asian-American re-telling of *Cyrano De Bergerac* which delves beneath the surface to explore tricky questions about love, race, and the laws of attraction. Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company's production of ***Cowboy Versus Samurai*** opens December 1 and runs through December 16, 2007 at the 10th Avenue Theatre (930 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Downtown).

In addition to the regular performances, Mo'olelo will partner with the San Diego Public Library to offer three special events:

- **NOVEMBER 14 at 6:30pm - "Behind The Scenes": *Cowboy @ the Library*** – Join Mo'olelo at the Central Library to see a sneak preview of the play, hear "insider" stories about the road to opening night, discuss the *Cowboy* connection to *Cyrano*, and receive special ticket offers. This event will be held in the Wangenheim Room, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Central Library (820 E Street Downtown).
- **NOVEMBER 25 at 2:00pm – Film Screening: *Cyrano de Bergerac*** – Get ready for Mo'olelo's re-telling of Edmond Rostand's classic play by attending a special screening of the Oscar-winning 1990 film version of *Cyrano de Bergerac* starring Gerard Depardieu. Widely hailed as the definitive onscreen *Cyrano*, Depardieu took home the Best Actor Academy Award for his portrayal. The film will be shown in the Auditorium at the Central Library (820 E Street Downtown).
- **DECEMBER 7 at 7:30pm – SD Public Library Night @ *Cowboy Versus Samurai***: Come see the San Diego premiere of *Cowboy Versus Samurai*, produced by Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company at the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre (930 10<sup>th</sup> Ave). Join us immediately following the December 7 performance for a Post-show Discussion with director Kimber Lee: "Re-Imagining *Cyrano* – All's Fair in Love and Wyoming."  
*\*Special \$3 discount on December 7<sup>th</sup> for Library card holders.*  
For more information, please call (619) 342-7395 or visit [www.moolelo.net](http://www.moolelo.net)

Specially priced tickets for other performances will be available at the November 14 & 25 events, along with information on unique options for book groups interested in reading *Cowboy* and *Cyrano*.

The production features a top-notch multi-cultural cast of young San Diego actors, all of whom are making their Mo'olelo debut. **Volt Francisco** tackles the lead role of Travis Park, joined by **Eric 'Pogi' Sumangil** as Chester, **Zandi De Jesus** as Veronica, and **Paul Morgan Stetler** as Del.

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**Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company  
Cowboy Versus Samurai  
Fact Sheet**

- What:** **Cowboy Versus Samurai**  
A play by Michael Golamco
- When:** **November 29 – December 16, 2007**  
**Press Opening Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
November 29-30, December 1, 7-8, 13-15 at 7:30 p.m.  
December 2, 9, 16 at 2:00 p.m.  
High School Matinees December 5, 6, 12 at 9:30 a.m.
- Where:** **Mo'olelo at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre**  
930 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 (Downtown)
- Who:** **Produced by Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company**  
Director: Kimber Lee\*  
Scenic Design: David F. Weiner  
Lighting Design: Jason Bieber  
Costume Design: Jennifer Brawn Gittings  
Stage Manager: Jennifer Wheeler\*
- Cast:**
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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Volt Francisco*       | <i>Travis</i>   |
| Eric 'Pogi' Sumangil* | <i>Chester</i>  |
| Zandi De Jesus        | <i>Veronica</i> |
| Paul Morgan Stetler*  | <i>Del</i>      |

*\* Member of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States.*

**Synopsis:**

*"Things in nature always hide. Lizards change the color of their skins. Moths live or die based on the color of their wings..."*

Will Travis Park risk being seen as he truly is?

In this savagely funny re-telling of Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*, English teacher Travis Park is the only Korean American living in the small town of Breakneck, Wyoming. When beautiful Veronica Lee arrives, she stirs up questions about love and race, and Travis must choose... but who's who in this struggle between *cowboy* and *samurai*?

**Tickets:** \$18-\$30

**Box Office:** 619-342-7395 and [www.moolelo.net](http://www.moolelo.net)

**Green Discounts:** As part of Mo'olelo's Green Initiative, we offer incentives and discounts when you "travel green" to the theatre. See our website for more details.

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**About Mo`olelo**

*Mo`olelo* means *story* in Hawaiian. A recipient of the McDonald Playwriting and the Anti-Discrimination Awards, Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company is dedicated to broadening the scope of San Diego theatre by telling powerful stories that are as diverse as the islands of Hawaii. 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. To learn more, visit [www.moolelo.net](http://www.moolelo.net) or call 619-342-7395.

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