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Now Playing in the Kennedy LAB Theatre

Life is a Dream

by Pedro Calderon de la Barca

July 28, 29, 1995 at 6pm
 July 30, 1995 at 1pm

*Presented by The Department of Education's
 Summer Program for the Enhancement of Basic
 Education and the Department of Theatre and
 Dance at The University of Hawai'i at Manoa*



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 Summer Program for the Enhancement of Basic Education
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 The University of Hawai'i at Manoa present*

Love Letter From the Licensed Quarter

by Chikamatsu Monzaemon
 translated by James R. Brandon

Kennedy Mainstage

July 28, 29, 1995 at 8pm
 July 30, 1995 at 3pm



Love Letter from the Licensed Quarter

(Kuruwa Bunsho)

Director Shirley Kagan
Dramaturg Joni Koehn
Movement Director Lisa Ann M. Omoto
Stage Manager TanNa Young
Costume Design Linda Yara and Edith Sze Savadove
Set and Lighting Design John Parkinson
Prologue and Epilogue sections written by Shirley Kagan

The Cast (in order of appearance)

Grandpa Ryan K. Taniguchi
Grandma Selene Maballo
Amy, their Granddaughter Mary Rauh
Kisaemon, Proprietor of Yoshida House . Robert J. Turlington
Taro, Employee of Yoshida House Empress The Aquarian
Jiron, Employee of Yoshida House Jennifer Mineko Beppu
Hiraoka, Millionaire from Awa Kawika Keone Moniz
Ama, Yoshida House courtesan Ariel Gold
Hanago, Yoshida House courtesan Tawna Merin
Ume, Proprietess of Yoshida House Kakainahoe Puleloa
Izaemon, Yugiri's lover Kawika Dela Sierra
Yugiri, Yoshida House courtesan Kimberly Y. Sueoka

Director's Note

When I first read "Love Letter from the Licensed Quarter" I was struck by the play's strangeness, and its familiarity. The strangeness was easily accounted for: I had never read a kabuki script before. The familiarity proved more interesting: why should this story which takes place hundreds of years ago in a very different culture from my own attract me so much? I realize it is because at the play's heart are the universal themes of love and money. These are the ideas which we have concentrated on in developing this production, attempting to create a world that straddles the boundary between strange and familiar.

Shirley Kagan

We would like to offer special thanks to Onoe Kikunobu and Onoe Kikunobukazu for their contributions to this production.

*Love Letter from the Licensed Quarter
will be performed without an intermission*

1995 SPEBE Center in Drama and Theatre

The Department of Education's Summer Program for the Enhancement of Basic Education is designed to give some of Hawai'i's promising students a taste of what college life is like and to provide an intense focus on a specific subject of interest to these students. This year at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, there are SPEBE centers in several subjects, including Engineering, Modern Media, United Nations, and Drama and Theatre.

Twenty-three high school students from the neighbor islands and Oahu were selected to participate in the 1995 SPEBE Center in Drama and Theatre at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Kennedy Theatre. In just six weeks these participants have been living on campus experiencing the life of a college theatre major, which includes four graded courses, work in the costume and scene shops, a series of workshops on research, playwriting and design, and the production of two plays at Kennedy Theatre.

The staff of the 1995 SPEBE Center in Drama and Theatre has attempted to provide the students with a theatre experience that they would not typically get at their high school. Participants have been exposed to dozens of world theatre forms and styles in their history, movement, voice, and acting classes, with a concentration this year in Japanese theatre. Many students from past SPEBE centers have gone on to major in theatre at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

This Year's SPEBE Participants

Empress The Aquarian	Baldwin High School, Maui
Kimberly Bailey	Baldwin High School, Maui
Jennifer Mineko Beppu	Leileihua High School, Oahu
Kawika Bergren	Moanalua High School, Oahu
Kawika Dela Sierra	Kauai High School, Kauai
Grace Dumlao	Moanalua High School, Oahu
Sharon R. Garcia	Moanalua High School, Oahu
Ariel Gold	Hilo High School, Hawai'i
Ryan Hokulani Gordines	Kauai High School, Kauai
Alison Izawa	Moanalua High School, Oahu
Selene Mabalo	Moanalua High School, Oahu
Ahmen Mahal	Kauai High School, Kauai
Jonathon Medeiros	Kauai High School, Kauai
Tawna Merin	Kauai High School, Kauai
Kawika Keone Moniz	Kalani High School, Oahu
Leia Powles	Koawaena High School, Hawai'i
Renee Prince	Mililani High School, Oahu
Kakainahoe Puleloa	Molokai High School, Molokai
Mary Rauh	Kauai High School, Kauai
Jenny Shiroma	Moanalua High School, Oahu
Kimberly Y. Sueoka	Kauai High School, Kauai
Ryan K. Taniguchi	Kalani High School, Oahu
Robert J. Turlington	Kauai High School, Kauai