



Children's Theatre Company (CTC) recently launched their 2013-2014 season which includes the world premiere of *The Wong Kids in The Secret of the Space Chupacabra Go!* by Lloyd Suh. The play is co-produced by the Drama Desk and Obie Award-winning, Ma-Yi Theater Company after four years of collaboration. The process demanded a commitment by two theatres to produce a wildly inventive inter-planetary odyssey complete with space creatures and levitating rocks. Ma-Yi's Artistic Director Ralph Peña will direct the production this October on CTC's Cargill Stage before taking the show to New York.

CTC Artistic Director Peter Brosius and Director of New Play Development Elissa Adams are always looking for renowned artists to develop new work for young audiences. Brosius recalls, "I just thought it was a brilliant production: the direction, design, actors, how the script played, and I knew this was a special theatre with terrific leadership." He was particularly interested in their Asian-American Writers Lab. Ma-Yi Artistic Director Ralph Peña is fully supportive of the Asian American voice, creating what Brosius calls "an extraordinarily wide and inventive aesthetic." A partnership between CTC and Ma-Yi seemed like an ideal choice for both companies. CTC would get to premiere a new play by one of the nation's most celebrated new playwrights and Ma-Yi would have an original show that their dedicated audiences could enjoy with their families.

Peter Brosius met with Ma-Yi Artistic Director Ralph Peña who recommended Writers Lab playwright Lloyd Suh whose plays have been published and produced worldwide.

Suh was given permission to unabashedly unleash his imagination. The show will feature

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spectacle, visual effects, and some stage magic yet to be discovered. Peña elaborates, "Sometimes, in theater, life can get in the way. The whole process was a slow simmer, and it was what the play needed."

What Lloyd Suh created after the three-year incubation period is the rock 'em sock 'em science fiction adventure, *The Wong Kids in The Secret of the Space Chubucabra Go!* Suh's own life-altering experience contributed to his final draft. by Lloyd Suh will run at Children's Theatre Company on the Cargill Stage October 8 – November 17, 2013. The production, directed by Ralph Peña will then head to New York's Ellen Stewart Theatre beginning its run January 28, 2014. Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is the first theatre for young people to win the coveted Tony® Award for Outstanding Regional Theater (2003). The company is noted for defining worldwide standards for youth theatre with an innovative mix of classic tales, celebrated international productions and challenging new work.