BERKELEY REP OPENS 2019-20 SEASON WITH THE AMERICAN PREMIERE OF

THE GREAT WAVE

Obie Award winner Mark Wing-Davey to direct

WHO: Written by Francis Turnly
Directed by Mark Wing-Davey

Cast members include Julian Cihi (Tetsuo), Yurié Collins (Reiko), Stephen Hu (Kum-Chol), Cindy Im (Jung Sun/Soldier Two), Paul Juhn (Official), Jo Mei (Hanako), Paul Nakauchi (Jiro), Grace Chan Ng (Hana), Sharon Omi (Etsuko), and David Shih (Takeshi/Soldier One)

The creative team includes Chika Shimizu (scenic designer), Meg Neville (costume designer), Lap Chi Chu (lighting designer), Bray Poor (original music and sound designer), and Tara Knight (video designer)

WHAT: In a Japanese coastal town in 1979, teenage sisters Hanako and Reiko run onto the beach during a tremendous storm on a dare. Hanako is tragically swept out to sea, while Reiko survives – but recalls seeing three mysterious men on the shoreline. The authorities determine that Hanako has drowned, but her mother insists that her missing daughter is still alive. Spanning over 20 years and the two vastly different countries of Japan and North Korea, The Great Wave by Francis Turnly is at once a riveting geopolitical thriller and a powerful story of the unshakable bonds between a mother, a daughter, and a sister who refuse to give up hope.

WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre
Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704
WHEN: 52 PERFORMANCES: Thursday, September 12, 2019 - Sunday, October 27, 2019

- Low-cost previews Thursday 9/12 @ 8PM, Friday 9/13 @ 8PM, Saturday 9/14 @ 8PM, Sunday 9/15 @ 7PM, Tuesday 9/17 @ 8PM, Wednesday, 9/18 @ 7PM
- Opening Night Thursday 9/19 @ 8PM
- Tuesdays and Fridays @ 8PM; **No show on Tuesday October 22**
- Wednesdays @ 7PM
- Thursdays @ 8PM; **2PM and 8PM on 9/26 and 10/24**
- Saturdays @ 2PM and 8PM; **No 2PM performance on 9/14 and 9/28**
- Sundays @ 2PM and 7PM; **No 2PM performance on 9/15**

**Special Events:**

- **Teen night:** Friday 9/13 @ 8PM
- **Opening night:** Thursday 9/19 @ 8PM; includes a pre-show dinner, beginning at 5:30PM for donors. Event sponsored by Hotel Shattuck Plaza.
- **FREE docent events:** Docent talks before Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening performances. Also, talks before Sunday matinees.
- **Actor Q & A’s:** Tuesday 10/8, Thursday 10/10, and Friday 10/25.
- Docent-led discussion after every matinee.
- Closed captioning now offered at every performance.

**HOW MUCH:** Premium: $57-97 · Section A: $50-81 · Section B: $30-65

Discount available for anyone under the age of 35. Prices subject to change.

**TIX & INFO:** 510 647-2949 – berkeleyrep.org. Discounts: $10 discount for students and seniors one hour before curtain; Groups of 10 or more, email groups@berkeleyrep.org