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**YELLOW EARTH PRESENTS
FESTIVAL FOR THE FISH**

Yellow Earth Theatre (YET) presents its Spring 2004 "work in progress" production **Festival For The Fish** at New Wimbledon Theatre Studio from Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27 March 2004. The Press Night is on Tuesday 23rd March.

Festival For The Fish is written by Yu Miri, one of Japan's foremost contemporary writers. The play won the Kishida Drama Award in 1992 and is very much informed by Yu Miri's own past, direct experiences from a painful childhood caused by family disunity and school bullying.

This play has come through our work with YET's annual Typhoon playreading festival at Soho Theatre. Directed by YET's Associate Director Kwong Loke with lighting design by Adam Crossthwaite, Music by Fung Lam, Design by Kimie Nakano, the cast includes Eiji Kusuhara, Pik-Sen Lim, Kumiko Mendl, Meg Kubota, Jason Chan, Jay Buoizzi and Sachi Kimura.

"I'm going to kill him too as I hate his sad face full of razor cuts." A glimpse into the dark underbelly of modern life in Japan. The estranged members of a working class Japanese family gather for the youngest son's funeral. His diary reveals a deeply scarring Oedipal experience. Human relationships at their most affectionate and most bitter are played out and a family of strangers are reunited by a common past.

Established in 1995, Yellow Earth Theatre produces work that explores universal themes from an East Asian perspective, celebrating cultural diversity through an integration of theatre skills from the East and West.

Recent Yellow Earth productions include:

"Tse creates a magical world on stage in which an eldritch fable exists in a world of hi-tech sophistication"
*The Guardian - **Lear's Daughters (2003)***

"..this visionary play gets the kind of charming, luminous airing it so richly deserves"
*Time Out - **The Butcher's Skin (2002)***

"an intriguing, inventive piece of theatre. They have taken Kurosawa's classic and made it their own"
*The Times - **Rashomon; (2001)***

Tue 23 - Sat 27 March 2004

Performances: 7.30pm. Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Tickets: Mon-Thu evening and Sat mat: £8.50 (£6.50 concessions)

Fri-Sat evening £10 (£6.50 concessions)

Box office: 0870 060 6646 (bkg fee) Ticketmaster 0870 060 1847 (bkg fee)

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