



### “Mekong Joe”

Written and conceived for the stage by Steve Stajich  
From the life of Joseph Hai Tran Than Wandell  
Starring Joe Wandell

**AVENUE**  
theater

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(Denver, CO) – In 1968, in Vietnam, Tran Than Hai was born to a Vietnamese mother, from an American GI father. Six years later, he and his brother were two of the many children airlifted out of Saigon just hours before the fall of the city to the Vietcong. Adopted by a mid-western, military couple, he became Joe and his older brother became Tony.

An Amerasian boy, who grew up never feeling like he truly belonged, Joe landed in L.A. where he became an actor in film, TV, and stage. Given a chance to reconnect with his real life and family, “Mekong Joe” becomes a dramatic, moving and funny story told from the human side of war. All of it absolutely true.

Joe Wandell has been seen in numerous television productions including, “Ghost Whisperer,” “CSI: Miami,” “CSI: New York,” “24,” “ER,” and “General Hospital.” Film credits include, “Hollywood Homicide”(2003), “Wind River”(1998), and “Volcano” (1997). Favorite stage roles include Benvolio in “Romeo and Juliet,” Stevie in “Eagle to the Sun,” and George in “Slut and Sledge.”

Steve Stajich grew up in Denver and was probably your neighbor. Since moving to L.A. he has written for many shows including, “Politically Incorrect”, “Dennis Miller Show”, “Durst” and “Evening at the Improv.” He has also written for “The Prairie Home Companion” and is a print journalist, playwright, songwriter and sometimes stand up comic.

**Mekong Joe** plays January 13, 14, 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m and Sunday the 16, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$20.

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Presented by the Avenue Theater

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Tickets \$20

Sunday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets \$15

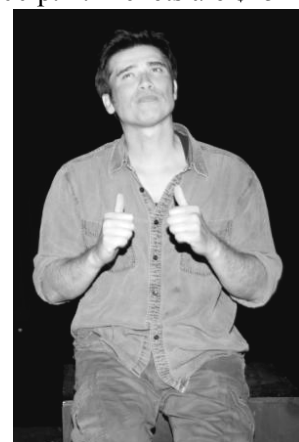
(discounts for seniors, students and groups)

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