

**MEDIA ALERT: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*****MICHELLE KRUSIEC'S MADE IN TAIWAN TO PREMIERE AT ASIAN AMERICAN THEATER FESTIVAL******One-Woman Play Written and Performed by star of "Saving Face" and the upcoming film "Far North"***

NEW YORK, June 5, 2007 – Second Generation is proud to announce the New York premiere of playwright/performer Michelle Krusiec's one-woman play *Made in Taiwan*, featured in next week's inaugural Asian American Theater Festival. The limited workshop run will open on Thursday, June 14, 2007 and include performances on June 15-June 16, 2007.

Michelle Krusiec is the lead actress of the critically-acclaimed independent film *Saving Face*, and the upcoming feature *Far North*, co-starring Michelle Yeoh. Krusiec's credits also include *Sweet Home Alabama* and numerous television appearances. *Made in Taiwan* is a provocative dark comedy that focuses on the inherent struggle between children and their parents. The mother is a pragmatic woman obsessed with her husband's alleged adultery. The daughter is an optimistic young dreamer who struggles to define herself outside of her mother's neuroses.

Second Generation is excited to debut Krusiec's piece to New York audiences. "We're thrilled to have an artist of Michelle's caliber and film credits who remains committed to her theater roots and developing new work," said Gladys Chen, Second Generation's President.

The piece originated as an autobiographical college thesis deconstructing the relationship between Krusiec and her mother, and was developed under the artful eye of Larry Moss (Off-Broadway's *Syringa Tree* by Pamela Gien). Director Chris Stone and Krusiec have fine tuned this fiery emotional comedy drama in Los Angeles and at various festivals. This solo show was hailed by *Variety Magazine* and the *Hollywood Reporter* as festival favorites at the HBO Aspen/U.S. Comedy Arts festival. "What's really amazing about Michelle is the way (she) combines comedy and drama into a single show. To do that, you have to be incredibly accomplished," praised the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival.

Chris Stone has directed previous development workshops and returns to helm the New York production. The creative team includes New York staging by Andrew Belser, Head of the Juniata Theatre in Pennsylvania, and Lighting Designer Lance Darcy. Grace C. Lee, Producer of the recent 2007 AZN *Asian Excellence Awards*® on E! and AZN-TV, is producing the piece for Second Generation.

This New York production is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Performance Details**

Made in Taiwan

Created and Performed by Michelle Krusiec

Tickets & Dates:

Thursday, 6.14.07 – Opening Night – 8:00 p.m. Evening performance, followed by an artist reception

Friday, 6.15.07 – 8:00 p.m. Evening performance

Saturday, 6.16.07 – 2:00 p.m. Matinee performance, 8:00 p.m. Evening performance

Opening night tickets are \$50. All other performances are \$35. Group discounts available. Tickets are available for purchase at www.TheaterMania.com and Group tickets at (212) 352-3101.

Venue:

The East 13th Street Theatre

136 East 13th Street

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New York, NY 10003

MEDIA REQUESTS

For all media requests and to interview Michelle Krusiec for your publication or media outlet, please contact Grace C. Lee at glee@2g.org.

A limited number of press tickets are also available for select performances. Please contact glee@2g.org for additional information.

About Second Generation

Founded in 1997, [Second Generation](http://www.2g.org) is a world-class New York-based non-profit theater company dedicated to developing and nurturing new playwrights and artists to bring stories to the world's stage. The company is committed to enriching and diversifying the cultural landscape of America. Past productions include *The Wedding Banquet: The Musical*, *Making Tracks*, *Masha No Home*, *The Karaoke Show* and *TEN*. Gladys Chen is President and playwright Lloyd Suh is Resident Artist.

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