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Winner of a  
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## THE DIAMOND TRADE by Ma-Yi Labbie, Kyoung Park June 17 & 19 at La Mama Moves Dance Festival 2010



Written and directed by Kyoung H. Park  
Choreography by Yin Yue

La Mama ETC Presents

### THE DIAMOND TRADE

Written and directed by **Kyoung H. Park**

Choreography by **Yin Yue**

Assistant Director: **Amanda J. Crater**

Set, Lighting & Costume Designer: **Ji-Youn Chang**

Performed by: **Maryelin Barahona, Veracity Butcher, Mieke Duffly, Amy F. Gironda, Yanghee Lee, Sandhya Jain, and Alice Yorke.**

Part of La Mama Moves Dance Festival 2010, NY International Series.

Where: La Mama ETC First Floor Theater  
74A East 4th Street  
(between 2nd Ave. and Bowery)

When: June 17th and 19th, 8 PM.

**Tickets are \$15 and available online here:**  
<http://www.lamama.org/dance/2010/NYInt10.html>

THE DIAMOND TRADE is based on the mysterious history of the Kooh-I-Noor, an Indian diamond stolen by the English East India Company and split up into affordable, little pieces. The story is set in modern times and explores the lives of seven women from around the world, who now wear pieces of the Kooh-I-Noor.

As a global economic breakdown ensues, world currency falls flat and diamonds become the new financial reserve. People start hunting down diamonds and through the lives of a Brazilian supermodel, a Qatari princess, a Korean professor, a Chilean housewife, a French senator, an American widow, and an Indian goddess, we piece together how the Kooh-I-Noor is reassembled after centuries being torn apart.

*THE DIAMOND TRADE is a recipient of the  
2010 UNESCO-Aschberg Award.*

**Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS  
Special Event: Thursday, June 10**



APICHA proudly presents a celebration of Asian, South Asian, and Pacific Islander Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Community.

Featuring a special performance by TONY award-winning artist

*Staceyann Chin*

THURSDAY JUNE 10 :: 6PM :: VLADA LOUNGE

**APICHA** \$20 Contribution  
RSVP [events@apicha.org](mailto:events@apicha.org)  
or 646-884-5385

Vlada Lounge  
331 W. 51st Street  
New York, NY

RSVP: [events@aplcha.org](mailto:events@aplcha.org) or (646) 884 - 5385

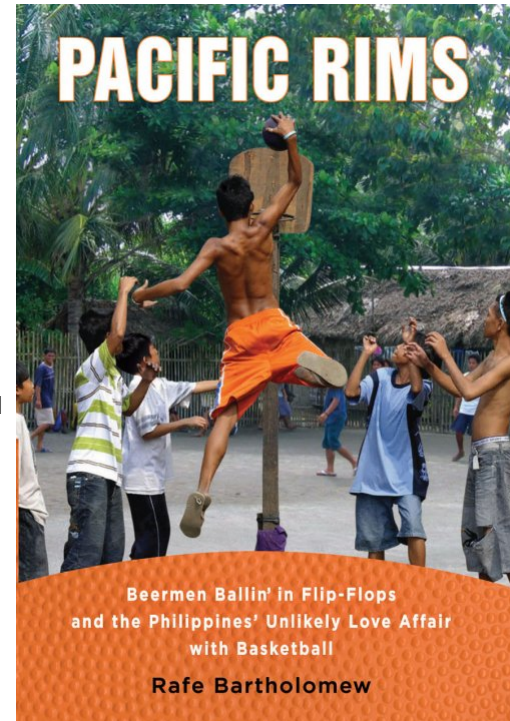
**Book Signing on Wednesday, June 16**  
**Rafe Bartholomew: Author of *Pacific Rims***

***Pacific Rims: Beermen Ballin' In Flip-Flops and the Philippines' Unlikely Love Affair with Basketball***  
by Rafe Bartholomew

Allured by the idea of an island nation full of people who love the game as irrationally as he does, American journalist Rafe Bartholomew arrived in Manila to unlock the riddle of basketball's grip on the Philippines. On his unforgettable journey, Bartholomew spends a season inside the locker room of a Philippine professional team, dines with politicians who exploit hoops for electoral success, gets chosen to play as an import in provincial barangay leagues, and even acts in a local soap opera. Sweating his way through hard-fought games of 3-on-3, played with homemade hoops for 50-cent wagers, Bartholomew uses a mix of journalistic knowhow and the hard-court ethics he learned from his dad to get in the paint and behind the scenes of Filipinos' devotion to the sport.

**Join Rafe for a reading and book signing**  
**Wednesday June 16, at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Union Square**  
**33 E. 17th Street in Manhattan**

Author website: [rafebartholomew.com](http://rafebartholomew.com)  
Book trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5TDI1AZmw4>  
Order Book Online: [Amazon Online Link](#)



Ma-Yi Theater Company is an award-winning professional theater company dedicated to developing and producing new plays and performance works that essay the evolving Asian American landscape.

We aim to spark and support the creative impulses of Asian American playwrights, and encourage them to challenge prescriptions of culturally specific theater.

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