



WHY DREAM IN INGLEWOOD (2017)

Asking 'Why Dream in Inglewood?' playwright Henry Ong presented his adaptation of *Dream of the Red Chamber*, the 1791 novel by Cao Xueqin in Inglewood's Edward Vincent Jr. Park. Mr. Ong wrote a four-act play drawn from the story lines and social specifics of the romance novel including multi-generational families, supernatural beings and magical realism.

Published in 1791, *Dream* is considered one of China's great classical novels, similar to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Ong's diverse cast of 14 stage actors portrayed 70 roles from the novel's 30 main characters and 400 minor ones. Live music accompanied the ten open rehearsals. A marathon six-hour performance on Saturday May 27, 2017 capped the performed public art exploring love, family, duty and destiny, and our shared humanity.

Henry Ong

Henry Ong is a playwright, director, teacher, producer and author. His works have been produced in London, Singapore and Canada as well as across the United States, including San Diego's prestigious Old Globe Theatre. He is a 16-time recipient of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs

Artist:

Henry Ong

Collection:

City of Inglewood Time-Based Projects

Medium:

Experimental, site-related theater

Size:

Four act play, each act 90 minutes

Edward Vincent Jr Park
714 Warren Lane
Inglewood, California

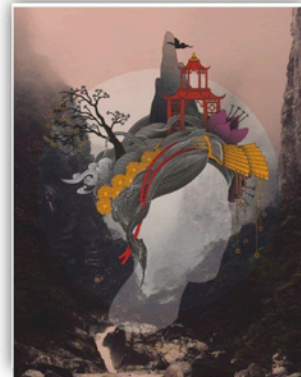
Artist-in-Residence grant.

Mr. Ong has worked on many oral history projects in several underserved communities, presenting stories not often portrayed in mainstream media. These works include Chinese American Stories, Thai American Stories, Pinoy Stories, and Sikh American Stories. Henry Ong is an active member of The Dramatists Guild of America.



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A Henry Ong play based on the Chinese classic
DREAM OF THE RED CHAMBER



A free outdoor theater performance on
Saturday, April 22, 2017

Act I - 10:30am Act II - 12:30pm

Enjoy the unfolding drama of love, life and family
As told by a cast of 14 with live music.

Inglewood Amphitheater
Vincent Park 714 Warren Lane, Inglewood, CA

For more information, contact the Inglewood Parks, Recreation and
Library Services at (310) 412-8750

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