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From Page to Stage:
Amy Tan’s Bestselling Novel The Joy Luck Club
One Night Only on November 1 at the Pantages Theater

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The Joy Luck Club is a November Art at Work event, in celebration of Tacoma Arts Month

Tacoma, WA – Broadway Center for the Performing Arts presents The Joy Luck Club on Friday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Pantages Theater. Adapted for the stage by Emmy-nominated playwright Susan Kim from Amy Tan’s bestselling novel, The Joy Luck Club is the story of four Mahjong-playing mothers, all from different provinces in China, and their relationships with their children. Despite the many generational and societal differences among them, there still is much common ground between mothers and daughters, as well as shared respect and love.

The Joy Luck Club is a timeless mother-daughter tale that weaves universal themes of sacrifice, strength, wishes for a better life, hope, and love. The New York Times described the play as “…a chorus of eight voices telling stories of tightly woven stories that only at the very end come together in a single vision of the rich complexity of family affections...when they laugh, we laugh and when, more often, they suffer, we grieve.” The Los Angeles Times stated, “Blending hilarity and heartbreak, the play has moments both side-splitting and shattering ... Devastatingly emotional.”

Amy Tan is an award-winning author of several novels, children’s books, and non-fiction works. Her first bestseller was The Joy Luck Club, which has been translated into 35 languages, and has been produced as both a feature film and as a fully realized stage production. Amy’s other novels are The Valley of Amazement, The Kitchen God’s Wife, The Hundred Secret Senses, The Bonesetter’s Daughter, and Saving Fish from Drowning, all New York Times bestsellers as well as the recipients of many awards.

Susan Kim is a playwright, TV writer, and author. Ms. Kim has been nominated five times for the Emmy and four times for the Writers Guild award for her work in both non-fiction and children’s TV; she won a WGA award in 1996 for Best Documentary. She lives in New York City, teaches dramatic writing in the MFA program at Goddard College and currently blogs for the Huffington Post.

Tickets for The Joy Luck Club are on sale now. Tickets are $29, $39, $49, and $59. To purchase tickets, call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District or online at www.BroadwayCenter.org.

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