AARP Sponsors East West Players’ “Takarazuka”

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WASHINGTON, D.C., November 18, 2014 – AARP is a proud sponsor of “Takarazuka,” the latest production of East West Players, the nation’s premier Asian American theater company. AARP is underwriting a special performance on Sunday, November 23 at 2pm at the David Henry Hwang Theater at the Union Center of the Arts in Los Angeles. AARP members receive a $10 discount on all performances of “Takarazuka” until Sunday, December 7.

“AARP is proud to support organizations and programs that reflect the culture and diversity of our members,” said Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Markets and Engagement, Asian American and Pacific Islander Audience. “We applaud East West Players for producing artistic works and educational programs that portray the experience of Asian Americans age 50+ and congratulate them on their golden 50th anniversary season.”

In the production, Yuko is the Top Star of the Takarazuka, an all-female Japanese performance troupe that has put on lavishly staged spectacles for decades. Facing retirement, Yuko begins to be haunted by
the ghost of a former top star. Mysterious events happen at the theater as Yuko's sayonara performance looms and a new star is set to rise to the top in this thrilling and seductive new play.

“We're grateful to AARP for their ongoing and generous support,” said Tim Dang, Producing Artistic Director of East West Players. “Our partnership has enabled us to continue to present works that entertain, enlighten, and resonate with our community.”

“Takarazuka” is directed by Leslie Ishii and choreographed by Cindera Che. The production features Fiona Cheung, Michael Hagiwara, Joseph Lim Kim, Klarissa Mesee, Joy Regullano, Janelle Toyomi-Dote, and Grace Yoo.

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