

## **“Vamp” and “Cloud 9” Auditions – December 1 and 2, 2008**

Auditions for “Vamp” by Ry Herman, directed by Tara Ayres, and “Cloud 9” by Caryl Churchill, directed by Casey Sean Grimm, will be held jointly December 1 and 2, 2008, with callbacks on Wednesday, December 3. Auditions take place at the Merc Lab, 930 N. Fair Oaks Avenue (near the intersection of E Washington Avenue.) “Vamp” and “Cloud 9” are being co-produced by Mercury Players Theatre and StageQ.

“Vamp” is a vinyl-clad supernatural girl-meets-girl romantic comedy. Chloe is becoming increasingly irritated by the imaginary people living in her apartment, including a bathrobe-clad Jesus and the annoyingly perky Spunky Old Gal. When she meets Angela, a Goth astrophysicist, at a nightclub, the two hit it off and begin dating. All goes well until they discover that they have been keeping disturbing secrets from each other.

A hilarious take-no-prisoners assault on hypocrisy, Caryl Churchill’s “Cloud Nine” is a whirlwind tour from 1880’s Africa to contemporary America, confronting colonial and sexual repression with a gender-bent cast of characters who traverse 100 years while aging only 25. Cross-casting over both sexual and racial lines, society’s rigid expectations and stereotypes are brought into sharp focus as the characters struggle to fit their assigned roles in the first act in Victorian Africa. By the second act, today’s characters have started to claim their identities as they endeavor to find themselves in the changing sexuality of our time.

Please wear clothes that you can move comfortably in, and bring your calendar. Auditions will consist of readings from the scripts.

For an advance copy of the script for “Vamp,” email [vamp@stageq.com](mailto:vamp@stageq.com).

For an advance copy of the script for “Cloud 9,” email [cloud@stageq.com](mailto:cloud@stageq.com).