



MEDIA ALERT

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**SPARK GOES BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OPERA'S
"THE BONESETTER'S DAUGHTER"**

Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30pm

SAN FRANCISCO, September 12, 2008 – Go behind the scenes with author Amy Tan and the San Francisco Opera as KQED's arts program "Spark" features the making of "The Bonesetter's Daughter" on a new episode airing this Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30pm on KQED 9. Adapted from the best-selling novel by beloved Bay Area author Amy Tan, this world premiere opera tells a story of the belated emotional healing between generations of an immigrant family. Tan's inspiring libretto and music composed by Stewart Wallace combine to create an unforgettable artistic experience. A troubled Chinese-American woman learns the horrible secrets of her immigrant mother's past in this touching and terrifying tale, set in both modern-day San Francisco and the Chinese countryside during the tumultuous events surrounding World War II. "Spark" follows Tan as she travels to China, searching for her own family history, one that resonates in the book and the opera. Watch a preview online now at www.kqed.org/spark.

WHAT: San Francisco Opera's "The Bonesetter's Daughter" on KQED's arts program *Spark*

WHEN: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:30pm

WHERE: KQED 9 and KQED HD

SEGMENTS: The making of "The Bonesetter's Daughter"
Sculptor Maya Lin's latest work for the new California Academy of Sciences
Mission District troubadours Los Cazadores del Sur

About *Spark*

Spark, a production of KQED Public Television, is a three-part initiative in the arts that combines a weekly television series airing Wednesdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9, an extensive website, and a multifaceted educational outreach component. *Spark* blazes a trail through the diverse and prolific Bay Area arts community, featuring in-depth profiles of hundreds of local artists and arts organizations. Find more art tips and resources online at www.kqed.org/spark.

About KQED Public Television

KQED Public Television 9 (www.kqed.org), a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB), is the nation's most-watched public television station. KQED produces local weekly

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series in high definition and available on Comcast On Demand including: *QUEST*; *Spark*; *Check, Please! Bay Area* and *This Week in Northern California*; and national series: *Jacques Pepin: More Fast Food My Way* and *Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures*. KQED's digital television channels include KQED HD, KQED Life, KQED World, KQED Kids, and KQED V-me, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. Download programs for viewing and video podcasts at www.kqed.org, featuring unique content on one of the most-visited station sites in public broadcasting.

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