

CHINOISERIE

Written and Directed by Ed Friedman

starring

Ed Bowes as Swan's Flesh

Ellie Karanauskas as Violet Shade

Rochelle Kraut as Black Jade

Robert Kushner as Lingering Snow

The Music is by Peter Gordon. It was performed by Robert Sheff and Dave Van Tieghem.

The Décor is by Beth Cannon.

Technical Design by Rhys Chatham.

Tea by Ellen Saltonstall.

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The performance will last 2½ hours. There will be no intermission. Feel free to get up and quietly move around if you need to. Tea will be served mid-way through the performance.

Chinoiserie is a verbal decoration for four characters who are playing Mah Jong and Talking. Mah Jong is a Chinese game that is played with tiles. Players call out the names of the tiles they are discarding, and call out "pung," "chow," or "kong," when they can complete a set by taking one of the tiles discarded by another player. The call of "ready," by a player means that she is one tile from completing a winning hand. The first player to complete a perfect hand calls "Mah Jong" wins the hand, and is then paid by the other players on the basis of how many "points" are awarded to the winning hand.