

LUIS VALDEZ

Golden Globe nominated playwright. Writer/director of *Zoot Suit*, the first Chicano play on Broadway.

PUBLIC LECTURE and BOOKSIGNING

"Between El Pachuco and La Virgen de Guadalupe"

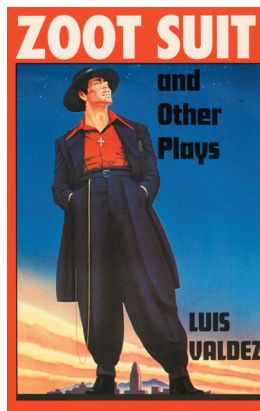
Friday, October 17, 2008 - 7:30 pm

Paul V. Galvin Playhouse

Nelson Fine Arts Center (51 E 10th Street)

ASU Tempe Campus

Luis Valdez was born in Delano, California to migrant farm worker parents. He graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in math and physics, but later earned a degree in English. His first play, *The Shrunken Head of Pancho Villa*, was produced at San Jose State in 1963. In Delano, he formed El Teatro Campesino and often speaks about the importance of Chicano-produced media. Valdez's first major work was *Zoot Suit*, produced at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles in 1978. His numerous feature film and television credits include, among others, the box office hit *La Bamb* starring Lou Diamond Phillips, *Cisco Kid* starring Jimmy Smits and Cheech Marin and *Corridos: Tales of Passion and Revolution* starring Linda Ronstadt.



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NOVEMBER

Poet Laureate **CHARLES SIMIC**

November 7, 2008

Public Craft Q&A

Piper Writers House, ASU Tempe Campus, 11 am

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Carson Ballroom, ASU Tempe Campus, 7:30 pm

Novelist **KUNAL BASU**

Reading & Booksigning

November 19, 2008 - 7:30 pm

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All events are free and open to the public