

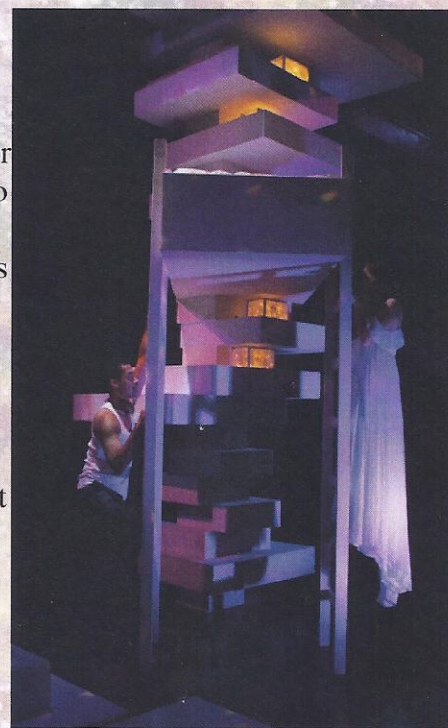
Cloud Tectonics

by Jose Rivera

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Director's Notes

What is it about Love that can stop Time? What is this endless searching for another, someone that can fill a void within ourselves? What is this need to find a place in this world where we no longer feel like strangers to ourselves? As I read this play, I was drawn into a world where love alters one's perception of time and reality. In today's society where fate and true love are out of vogue, *Cloud Tectonics* made me realize that magic and beauty surround us every minute of our lives. We just have to stop and look. Unfortunately, in a world where time flies, cultures and races are being eradicated, and people are in a constant battle to survive, that sense of wonder and surprise has been lost. For me, Jose Rivera tries to capture this moment where Love takes a hold of us and changes the space and time around us. As I was exploring this play, I came across this quote from Pablo Neruda which summarized the journey of this play for me:



*"How much does a man live at all?
Does he live a thousand days or only
one? For a week or for several cen-
turies? How long does a man spend
dying? What does it mean to say
forever?"*