

**YOUR WORLD
ON STAGE**

**VICTORY
GARDENS
THEATER**

HISTORY & VISION

Launched by Chay Yew shortly after he came to VG in 2011 as the company's first Artistic Director in 34 years, **The Chicago Play Cycle** commissions, develops and produces new plays that reflect and represent the neighborhoods and diverse communities of Chicago in contemporary and historical times; creating stories that resonate with broader audiences simultaneously through the universality and humanity of their themes, and the specificity of time and place. To date, the Chicago Play Cycle has generated seven world premieres, with an eighth, ***Dhaba on Devon Avenue*** by Madhuri Shekar to premiere in 2020, with Chay Yew directing.

Thus far, four of the Chicago Cycle plays have gone on to be produced at theaters across the country, helping to advance the playwrights' careers and VG's visibility as a center for new play development.

CHICAGO PLAY CYCLE

World Premiere Productions

ON THE VICTORY GARDENS STAGE

***Dhaba on Devon Avenue* by Madhuri Shekar (2020)**

***Rightlynd* by Ike Holter (2018)**

Additional support from The Edgerton New Play Awards.

***Lettie* by Boo Killebrew (2017)**

Commissioned with support from the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation.

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Finalist for the Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award.

***A Wonder in My Soul* by Marcus Gardley (2017)**

Subsequent: Baltimore Center Stage.

***Cocked* by Sarah Gubbins (2016)**

***The Gospel of Loving Kindness* by Marcus Gardley (2014)**

Additional support from The Edgerton New Play Awards.

Subsequent: Mosaic Theatre Company of DC.

***Mojada* by Luis Alfaro (2013)**

Subsequent: Theatre at Boston Court; OSF; The Public; Repertory Theater of St. Louis (2020).

***Failure: A Love Story* by Phillip Dawkins (2013)**

Subsequent: Azuka Theater (Philadelphia); Hub Theater (Reston, VA); Illinois Shakespeare Festival; Stages Repertory (Houston); Marin Theatre Company (Mill Valley, CA); Couerage Theatre (Burbank, CA, and at Center Theatre Group), among others.