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Title: **The Sun Serpent**

On Stage: October 22 – November 13, 2011 (Sat. at 1, 4 and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 1 and 4 p.m)
Preview: Sat. and Sun. Oct. 22-23 at 4 p.m.
VIP Opening Event: Sat., Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.
Tempe Center for the Arts - Studio

Description: Old and new worlds collide in this visually-stunning story of Aztec culture and the Conquest of Mexico. Is Cortes the Sun Serpent of Aztec legend rising from the sea to bring peace and harmony? Young Anáhuac believes so at first but soon realizes all is not what it seems.

Recommended for ages eight and older

Playwright: José Cruz González (González was the playwright for the Childsplay production *Tomás and the Library Lady*)

Director: Rachel Bowditch, assistant professor, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, ASU

Music: Daniel Valdez. Valdez was the composer for the film *Zoot Suit* and the documentary *Mexico*. He starred in *Zoot Suit*, *La Bamba*, *The China Syndrome*, *And the Earth Did Not Swallow Him ...* among other films.

Special Interest: Arizona master mask maker Zarco Guerrero has been commissioned to create original masks for the production. More than 20 of Guerrero's distinctive works of art will be featured.

Production note: Several languages are used throughout the play including English, Spanish and Nahuatl, the language of the Aztecs.

Cast:	Young/Elder Anáhuac	Andrés Alcalá
	Tlememe, Anáhuac's brother	Ricky Araiza
	Anci	Andrea Morales