

TEA WAYFARERS

From now on, we plan to introduce one of the Global Tea Hut members to you each month in these newsletters. We hope that this helps us all get to know each other better. It's also to pay homage to the many manifestations that all this wonderful spirit and tea are becoming, as the tea is drunk and becomes human. The energy of the tea fuels some great work in this world, and we are so honored to show you some glimpses of such beautiful people and their tea. We thought we'd introduce you to the talented Jarrod Quon.

I was born in Portland, OR to a Caucasian woman and Chinese man who named me after an actor. As karma would have it I have been a performer all my life and enjoyed and lived for laughter and applause. So it is of little surprise that I spent much of my time in school studying theater and comedy. From Shakespeare to improv to street performance I studied it and performed it. This led me to many different schools in far off places like the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, San Francisco's American Conservatory Theater, Whitman College in Walla Walla WA, and now Los Angeles where I currently am being taught by life in the mecca of the entertainment industry. I have appeared on a TV show, and made a few movies and commercials.

Tea has only recently had a noticeable impact on my life, and with my meeting Wu De and traveling to Taiwan to study tea, I began to fulfill the rest of my karma of being born half Chinese. I am now bringing the two parts of my life together by creating a documentary about the world of tea this magazine speaks of and bringing it back to Hollywood so the rest of the world can know the love, peace, and connection we experience with each bowl.

The film will follow the journey of the Leaf, from sunshine to leaf to basket to factory to store to bowl to man and then back to nature. This is the story of tea's journey through man, not man's journey through tea. As we follow along, the leaf will share with us the many things that it deals with that seem so small and

insignificant yet play a very large role in the creation of each leaf and each bowl of tea. The many great masters of tea that we have read of in these pages will be our guides and interpreters as we follow along on this journey. They will reveal the subtleties and great wisdom of the path tea takes and in the end have us know how precious each moment of life is and how a simple bowl of tea is the best way to remind us.

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