



USC students will see the Los Angeles premiere of Michael Golamco's acclaimed play *Cowboy Versus Samurai*. In this comic reimagining of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Travis Park is a high-school English teacher and the only Korean American living in the dusty town of Breakneck, Wyoming. When Veronica Lee, a Korean American teacher from New York City, moves into town, he immediately falls for her. Travis must choose between the Asian and the American within himself as he pursues a love that may be only as real as the love letters he writes for someone else. Through irony, humor and social commentary, *Cowboy Versus Samurai* cleverly exposes the struggle of Asian Americans to find their place in the vast American landscape...and with each other.

**KEN KLEIN** and **SUN-YOON LEE** of the USC Libraries have selected the following resources to help you learn more about the play and other retellings of the classic story. View the online version of this guide at [libguides.usc.edu/CowboyVersusSamurai](http://libguides.usc.edu/CowboyVersusSamurai) or more resources, including reviews of the play, information about the playwright and background materials on Asian American theatre.

## Recommended Books and Films

Films from Leavey Library's DVD collection may be checked out from the library's circulation desk.

### ***Cyrano de Bergerac: Libertin Libertain***

By Michel Cardoze

A biography by a French journalist.

**Doheny Memorial Library: P Q1793.C37 1994**

### ***Cyrano de Bergerac: A Play in Five Acts***

By Edmond Rostand

**Doheny Memorial Library: P Q2635.O7C913 2011**

### ***Cyrano de Bergerac* (1950)**

A motion picture based on Rostand's play and directed by Michael Gordon.

**Leavey Library: LVYDVD 6718**

### ***Roxanne***

Written by and starring Steve Martin, this 1987 film retells Rostand's classic play about Cyrano de Bergerac.

**Leavey Library: LVYDVD 415**

### ***Cyrano de Bergerac* (1990)**

A French-language adaptation of Rostand's play, directed by Jean-Claude Petit.

**Leavey Library: LVYDVD 2516**

### ***Cyrano de Bergerac* (2000)**

An American Conservatory Theater production of Rostand's play.

**Leavey Library: LVYDVD 2246**

### ***Cyrano de Bergerac* (2008)**

This adaptation of Rostand's play by Anthony Burgess stars Kevin Kline and Jennifer Garner.

**Leavey Library: LVYDVD 3342**

### ***Sirano; yŏnae chojaktan***

A Korean-language retelling of the story of Cyrano de Bergerac.

**East Asian Library: KDVD 1359 v.1**

## Selected Electronic Resources

Find scholarly sources about *Cowboy Versus Samurai* and playwright Michael Golamco through these electronic resources, accessible through the USC Libraries homepage at [www.usc.edu/libraries](http://www.usc.edu/libraries).

### **Theatre Resources**

- International Index to the Performing Arts Full Text
- MLA International Bibliography

### **Theatre Journals**

- *American Theatre*
- *The Journal of American Drama and Theatre*
- *Theater*
- *Theatre Journal*