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KITCHEN

theatre company

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Dykstra strikes again with A PLAY ON WORDS at the Kitchen Theatre

“Language is the opposite of communication.” *A Play on Words*

Rusty and Max are best friends from high school. When Rusty questions a large, blank piece of cardboard that Max is working on, an entanglement of language ensues that explores the complexity of communication. Max is trying to start something, but will he ever get through his conversation with Rusty to begin it? From etymology to semantics, Hemingway to grog, Republicans to Democrats, everything is discussed in this whirlwind conversation that will leave audiences gasping for breath. Slightly political, slightly analytical, completely hysterical, **A PLAY ON WORDS is a must see for anyone who has ever had a wonderfully infuriating conversation with a close friend.**

Kitchen Theatre audiences are familiar with **Brian Dykstra’s** other works, including STRANGERHORSE, CLEAN ALTERNATIVES, and this season’s premiere production of THE TWO OF YOU. He was writer/performer in the provocative THE JESUS FACTOR and also appeared in the production of his earth-friendly play CLEAN ALTERNATIVES alongside NYC-based MARK BOYETTE who plays his nemesis in A PLAY ON WORDS. Dykstra is also remembered for his performance in David Wiltse’s A MARRIAGE MINUET.

Dykstra’s artistic partner/collaborator, NYC-based director **Margarett Perry** returns to direct A PLAY ON WORDS. Perry has had many successful productions in Ithaca including CLEAN ALTERNATIVES, A MARRIAGE MINUET, STRANGERHORSE, OLD TIMES, the 2008 summer revival of THE SOUP COMES LAST, and the recent encore production of TONY & THE SOPRANO.

A PLAY ON WORDS will feature set design by **Kelly Syring**; lighting design by **E.D. Intemann**, Senior Lecturer and Resident Lighting Designer at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts (A MARRIAGE MINUET, THE TWO OF YOU, TONY & THE SOPRANO at the Kitchen); and costume design by **Hannah Kochman** (OLD TIMES, BED NO BREAKFAST, THE CLEAN HOUSE, among others).

A PLAY ON WORDS is sponsored by Elissa Cogan and Barry Chester.

Performance Dates:

Wed., February 25, 2009 at 7:30pm (preview 1 of 3)
Thurs., February 26, 2009 at 7:30pm (preview 2 of 3)
Fri., February 27, 2009 at 8:00pm (preview 3 of 3)
Sat., February 28, 2009 at 8:00pm (press opening)
Sun., March 1, 2009 at 4:00pm
Wed., March 4, 2009 at 7:30pm
Thurs., March 5, 2009 at 7:30pm
Fri., March 6, 2009 at 8:00pm
Sat., March 7, 2009 at 8:00pm
Sun., March 8, 2009 at 4:00pm
Wed., March 11, 2009 at 7:30pm
Thurs., March 12, 2009 at 7:30pm
Fri., March 13, 2009 at 8:00pm
Sat., March 14, 2009 at 8:00pm
Sun., March 15, 2009 at 4:00pm
Wed., March 18, 2009 at 7:30pm
Thurs., March 19, 2009 at 7:30pm
Fri., March 20, 2009 at 8:00pm
Sat., March 21, 2009 at 8:00pm
Sun., March 22, 2009 at 4:00pm (closing)

Bold, intimate, engaging...Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), now in its 18th season, is downtown Ithaca's critically acclaimed and nationally recognized year-round professional theatre with four performance series (Main Stage, Family Fare, Kitchen Counter Culture, Kitchen Sink). KTC is the first not-for-profit recipient of the David R. Strong Memorial "Small Business of the Year" Award from the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce. KTC provides an engaging mix of regional and world premiere plays and musicals to Central NY in an intimate 73-seat theatre that encourages a bold relationship between audience and actor. The theatre is located in the historic Clinton House, a renovated hotel in Downtown Ithaca, New York. Ithaca is located on the southern tip of Cayuga Lake in central New York. Kitchen Theatre Company receives public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency and the Tompkins County Room Occupancy Tax Fund. For the 2008-09 Season the Kitchen Theatre Company also receives support from the Shubert Foundation.

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