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## KTC offers world premiere play by *The Daily Show* writer Rachel Axler

**Ithaca, NY:** What do you get when you combine time travel, Möbius strips, a suspicious earthquake, and four quirky and charming twenty-somethings? It couldn't be anything but ARCHAEOLOGY, a brand new play by *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* writer Rachel Axler receiving its world premiere on the Kitchen Theatre Company Main Stage, April 8 to May 10.

Rachel Axler was until recently the only woman writer on *The Daily Show*. Now she has left that show to write for *Parks and Recreation*, the upcoming NBC mockumentary starring Amy Poehler (*SNL*). And her writing for theater continues here at the Kitchen with her new play ARCHAEOLOGY. It tells the story of roommates Claire and Astin who awake one day to discover that their house is the only casualty of a strangely strategic earthquake. The arrival of two disaster relief volunteers doubling as garage band musicians just complicates matters further. The four begin digging in the wreckage of the house, finding unexpected objects and discovering things about themselves in the process. Mathematical calculations, house cleaning, and friendship all play a part in this off-kilter comedy.

Directing the play is Kitchen Theatre frequent-guest-from-NYC **Margarett Perry**. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> KTC production directed by Perry, including three others this season: THE TWO OF YOU, A PLAY ON WORDS, and TONY & THE SOPRANO (with Rachel Lampert). Other KTC directing credits include OLD TIMES, A MARRIAGE MINUET, CLEAN ALTERNATIVES, STRANGERHORSE, THE JESUS FACTOR and the 2008 summer revival of THE SOUP COMES LAST. Perry is an Artistic Cabinet member at the Lark Play Development Center in New York City, where she directed the first professional reading of ARCHAEOLOGY. For this production, Perry is directing a talented young cast, including NYC actors **Jake Paque** and **Kristin Wheeler**. Ithaca College theater majors **Ace Heckathorn** and **Charlie Forray** (seen in last year's hit Family Fare dance play SCOOT, SIZZLE & SLIDE) complete this crackerjack cast.

“We are looking forward to a wild ride orchestrated by one of today's most sought after young writers,” says Kitchen Theatre Artistic Director Rachel Lampert. “How lucky can we get to not only have Rachel Axler's play premiere on our stage, but to also have a delightfully talented cast of young professionals on board. The KTC's is always looking to give a home to a new voice. Rachel Axler is a great representative of her generation.”

Creating this world turned topsy turvy is set designer Norm Johnson. Lighting design is by Jerry Thamm, costumes are by Abigail Smith, and the stage manager is Abigail Davis.

ARCHAEOLOGY is sponsored by Foster Custom Kitchens.

**Performance Dates:**

Wed., April 8, 2009 at 7:30pm (preview 1 of 3)

Thurs., April 9, 2009 at 7:30pm (preview 2 of 3)

Fri., April 10, 2009 at 8:00pm (preview 3 of 3)

Sat., April 11, 2009 at 8:00pm (press opening)

Sun., April 12, 2009 at 4:00pm

Wed., April 15, 2009 at 7:30pm

Thurs., April 16, 2009 at 7:30pm

Fri., April 17, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sat., April 18, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sun., April 19, 2009 at 4:00pm

Wed., April 22, 2009 at 7:30pm

Thurs., April 23, 2009 at 7:30pm

Fri., April 24, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sat., April 25, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sun., April 26, 2009 at 4:00pm

Wed., April 29, 2009 at 7:30pm

Thurs., April 30, 2009 at 7:30pm

Fri., May 1, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sat., May 2, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sun., May 3, 2009 at 4:00pm

Wed., May 6, 2009 at 7:30pm

Thurs., May 7, 2009 at 7:30pm

Fri., May 8, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sat., May 9, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sun., May 10, 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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