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## PRESS RELEASE

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## World Premiere Comedy at the Kitchen Theatre Company

**Ithaca, NY:** The Kitchen Theatre Company concludes its 20th Anniversary Season with a world premiere comedy, *At A Loss* by Jason Odell Williams. The comedy of errors begins when Israeli grandmother Edna insists that her granddaughter Ayelet join her on a trip to the U.S; Edna is on a mission. Circumstances change radically, and Ayelet has to get help, but the two Americans available on a snowy Christmas Eve may not be up to the job. Can love blossom when language barriers are high, timetables inflexible and a delivery van with extremely valuable property has been hijacked? The answers will keep you laughing this summer in this wonderful new romantic comedy.

"I am looking forward to digging into comedy! This is a terrific cast and Jason has been a delight to work with as we prepare to do the play. A wonderful finish to the first season in our new theater," says Artistic Director, Rachel Lampert.

*At A Loss* comes to the Kitchen Theatre following several highly successful developmental readings, most recently at Bleecker Street starring NYC actress, Norma Fire. It was she who, after experiencing the laughter and applause of the attendees, said to Williams, "I know the perfect place for this play. Can I send it to the Kitchen Theatre for you?" The Kitchen Theatre has long been fertile ground for the growth of rising playwrights and where the seeds of creative, bold and engaging theatre are sewn. It is this environment and the collaborative process that makes playwright Jason Odell Williams most excited about his world premiere at this intimate theatre in the heart of New York State. "There will be some wonderful discoveries and improvements in the rehearsal process at the Kitchen Theatre Company," says Williams. "The collaborative process—with the actors and the director—is the best part of writing. Making changes by yourself at home...? Not nearly as much fun."

*At A Loss* will be directed by the Kitchen Theatre Company's Artistic Director **Rachel Lampert** and stars **Charlotte Cohn\***, **Michael Dalto**, **Michael Kaplan\***, and returning to the Kitchen, **Norma Fire\*** (*Bed No Breakfast, Three Tall Women, The Book Club*). The Set Designer is **Brendan Komala**. Lighting Design is by **Joey Moro**. Costume Designer is **Lisa Boquist**. The Stage Manager is **LaShawn Keyser**. Performances will be at the Kitchen Theatre, located at 417 W. State / Martin Luther King, Jr. Street in downtown Ithaca, NY.

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# KITCHEN THEATRE COMPANY

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## Performance Dates:

Wed., July 13, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 1 of 2)  
Thurs., July 14, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 2 of 3)  
Fri., July 15, 2011 at 8:00pm (Preview 3 of 3)  
Sat., July 16, 2011 at 8:00pm (Press Opening)  
Sun., June 17, 2011 at 4:00pm  
Wed., July 20, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., July 21, 2011 at 2:00pm (Matinee)  
Thurs., July 21, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Fri., July 22, 2011 at 8:00pm (Wine Tasting)  
Sat., July 23, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sun., July 24, 2011 at 4:00pm  
Wed., July 27, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., July 28, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Fri., July 29, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sat., July 30, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sun., July 31, 2011 at 4:00pm (closing)

**Bold, intimate, engaging...**Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), in its 20th season, is downtown Ithaca's critically acclaimed and nationally recognized year-round professional theater company, specializing in regional and world premiere plays and musicals. KTC's intimate 99-seat theater is in its newly renovated "green" building in the West End neighborhood of downtown Ithaca, New York. 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 and receives public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency, and the Tompkins County Room Occupancy Tax Fund. The Kitchen Theatre Company also receives general operating support from the Shubert Foundation.

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