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### **KTC brings live music and dance to its 21<sup>st</sup> Season with *In the Company of Dancers***

**Ithaca, NY:** The Kitchen Theatre Company's 21<sup>st</sup> season continues with a new movement theatre piece, *In the Company of Dancers*, with previews on September 28, 29, and 30, and Opening Night on October 1. It runs for two weeks only, closing on October 9, 2011.

With choreography by Kitchen Theatre Artistic Director **Rachel Lampert** and Ithaca College Dance Professor **Lindsay Gilmour** and live accompaniment by violinist **Linda Case** (Concertmistress, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra), CCO first cellist **Rosie Elliott**, and CCO guest pianist **Andrea Merrill**, this new piece will fill the intimate Kitchen Theatre with the music of Mendelssohn, Martinů, Brahms, Shostakovich, Glière, Handel, Haydn, Sarasate, Kreisler, Dvorak, Beach, Bach, and more.

**Norma Fire\***, last seen at the Kitchen Theatre as Edna in the world premiere of *At A Loss*, leads a multigenerational company of actors and dancers. Fire plays Deborah, a former professional dancer reminiscing about her many years on the stage. As she leafs through scrapbooks, letters and photo albums, we relive her memories as dancers bring them to life onstage. The company includes **Tim Connell\***, **Lindsay Gilmour**, **Erin Hilgartner**, **Karen Koyanagi**, **Ryan MacConnell**, **Stephen Nunley**, **Audrey Pincus**, **Yvette Rubio**, **Lillian Stamey**, and **Shaina Ung**. (\*Member, Actors' Equity Association).

This is choreographer Lindsay Gilmour's second time working with the Kitchen. She performed in last season's dance piece, "Summers at Rock's Edge." When she isn't at the Kitchen, you can find her teaching modern dance at Ithaca College.

**Tyler Perry** is the Lighting Designer for *In the Company of Dancers* and **Hannah Kochman** is the Costume Designer. The Stage Manager is **Jennifer Gregory** and the Production 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.



**Performance Dates:**

Wed., Sept. 28, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 1 of 3)  
Thurs., Sept. 29, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 2 of 3)  
Fri., Sept. 30, 2011 at 8:00pm (Preview 3 of 3)  
Sat., Oct. 1, 2011 at 8:00pm (Press Opening)  
Sun., Oct. 2, 2011 at 4:00pm  
Wed., Oct. 5, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., Oct. 6, 2011 at 2:00pm (Matinee)  
Thurs., Oct. 6, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Fri., Oct. 7, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sat., Oct. 8, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sun., Oct. 9, 2011 at 4:00pm (Closing)

**Bold, intimate, engaging...** Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), in its 21st 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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