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FAMILY FARE 2007-08

February 2 – February 17, 2008

EMMETT & ELLA'S BIG APPLE ESCAPADE

book & lyrics by Rachel Lampert, music by Lesley Greene

Director: Rachel Lampert Music Director: Richard Montgomery Costume Designer: Hannah Kochman

Cast: Nick Barb, Percy Browning, Kelly Galvin, Stephen Nunley, Marcin Pawlikiewicz

Performances: February 2 – 17; Saturdays at 1:00pm and 3:00pm, Sundays at 1:00pm

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Press Opening: Sunday, February 3rd at 1:00 PM (please call to reserve reviewer seating)

Tickets: Adults \$14 / Student \$7. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Ticket Center located in the Historic Clinton House, Downtown Ithaca near the Commons, 116 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY (corner Cayuga and Seneca Streets), by calling (607) 273-4497 or online at www.kitchentheatre.org

Photos available upon request.

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The Kitchen Theatre is going to the Dogs!

The Kitchen Theatre Company **is going to the dogs!** with the new musical adventure EMMETT & ELLA'S BIG APPLE ESCAPADE, opening February 2nd and running through February 17th with performances on Saturdays at 1 & 3pm, and Sundays at 1pm.

Emmett is a hound dog, Ella's got some retriever in her, and Louella Smythe-Trappe is a lady who loves her dogs and loves to sing. When Louella's lifelong dream of singing at Radio City Music Hall in New York City becomes a reality, Emmett & Ella are shocked to learn that she isn't planning on bringing them along. The dogs hatch a plan to follow her, leading to a wild, unexpected, Big Apple escapade full of song, dance and interesting characters along the way.

Emmett is played by Ithaca College student and KTC newcomer **Marcin Pawlikiewicz**, recent Wellesley graduate **Kelly Gavin** lends her beautiful voice to the role of Ella and Louella Smythe-Trappe is played by **Percy Browning** (last seen at the Kitchen in I HAVE A SONG TO SING O!). The role of Rags is played by Nick Barb, recently seen on the Kitchen Theatre Main Stage as T-Rex in STRANGERHORSE and the Kitchen Theatre's own Managing Director Stephen Nunley will play multiple roles in the play.

Playwright/lyricist **Rachel Lampert**, also the KTC's Artistic Director, has authored many original Family Fare productions (THE ADVENTURE IN APARTMENT G SHARP, REBECCA RETURNS, THE MOZART MYSTERY, I HAVE A SONG TO SING O!, WINTER TALES, A DECEMBER SUITE, THE SISTERS FITZENSTARTS FALL RECITAL, THE EMMETT & HAMBONE STORIES *and* FOOLS! SCHMOOLS!) and adaptations (THE ODYSSEY PARTS I & II, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, PIRATES OF PENZANCE, HMS PINAFORE and THE MIKADO).

Composer **Lesley Greene** has composed music for CIRCUS WUNDERBAR, THE REFRIGERATOR CAPER, FOOLS! SCHMOOLS!, SCIENCE FAIR, WINTER TALES and REBECCA RETURNS. Lesley also directed the original production of Hilby's CIRCUS WUNDERBAR, assistant directed Family Fare and Main Stage productions (PIRATES OF PENZANCE, MIKADO, SCIENCE FAIR, WALTZ), played flute in THE MOZART MYSTERY, and performed on stage in STOP KISS, THE TRIAL, PIRATES OF PENZANCE, H.M.S. PINAFORE, FOOLS! SCHMOOLS! I & II, THE ODYSSEY PART I, WINTER TALES, I HAVE A SONG TO SING O!, and REBECCA RETURNS. She serves as the producer of the Family Fare and Counter Culture Series at the Kitchen.

Music Director **Richard Montgomery** has performed as accompanist, conductor, music director, and stage director in opera and musical theater throughout the United States and locally with Ithaca Opera, Kitchen Theatre Company, Cornell Theatre, and the Hangar Theatre. He is currently the music director for the KTC's Main Stage production BED NO BREAKFAST and was the music director for last season's Family Fare shows THE MOZART MYSTERY and THE ODYSSEY PART II and the Main Stage production of COMFORT FOOD.

Performance Dates

February 2, 2008, Saturday at 1:00 pm
February 2, 2008, Saturday at 3:00 pm
February 3, Sunday at 1:00 pm (Press opening)
February 9, 2008, Saturday at 1:00 pm
February 9, 2008, Saturday at 3:00 pm
February 10, Sunday at 1:00 pm
February 16, 2008, Saturday at 1:00 pm
February 16, 2008, Saturday at 3:00 pm
February 17, Sunday at 1:00 pm (Closing)

Bold, intimate, engaging...Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), now in its 17th 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 2007-08 Season the Kitchen Theatre Company is receiving support from the **Shubert Foundation** and the **New York State Music Fund**.