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## World Premiere on the Kitchen Theatre Stage:

### FIRST DAY A Theatrical Event Unlike Any Other

Do you remember the first day of your very first job? There were likely millions of thoughts that ran through your head just in the first minute of not knowing where to be or what to do. **FIRST DAY: Suite for Four Actors and Percussionist** is the second Main Stage production in the Kitchen Theatre Company's 2009-10 season. It runs Wednesdays through Sundays, October 14 to November 1, 2009 (see schedule below).

**FIRST DAY** follows a young man, Johnny Diamond, on his way to his first day of his first job in the big city. Charged with hopeful expectations, filled with nerves but eager to take those first steps, Johnny's mind is on fire with thoughts of what might happen. His mind bounces from what he sees on the street, to a nano-size instant daydream, to the beautiful woman crossing in front of him, to the woman he once loved in high school; and that is only the beginning. It's fast and furious, shifting like a free-style jazz opus.

Four actors and one percussionist create a world between the end of adolescence and the brink of adulthood. NYC-based AEA actor **Erin Gann** plays Johnny Diamond and is joined by actors **M.F. Dalto**, **Alejandro Rodriguez**, and NYC-Ithacan transplant AEA actor **Jennifer Herzog**. The three portray his endless stream of thoughts and every one else in his mind or his sight. Rounding out this theatrical event is percussionist **Steve Reichlen**, who puts Diamond's rhythm, unarticulated moods, emotions, and heartbeat into music and sound. It's hilarious and honest. **FIRST DAY** is like nothing else: a play with percussion, movement, and non-stop entertainment.

**LoRusso** and **Warner** have been collaborating on the **FIRST DAY** script for over two and a half years. After several workshop productions in New York City, they are excited to be bringing the play to the Kitchen Theatre's audience for its World Premiere. Warner directed KTC's production of **AFTER ASHLEY** in 2007, and The Kitchen Theatre is thrilled to have him return to direct this electrifying new production.

Scenic and Lighting design is by **Max Doolittle**, and **LaShawn Keyser** is the Stage Manager.

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The play contains strong language and is for ages 16 and up.

**FIRST DAY** is sponsored by the **Hilton Garden Inn** with media sponsorship from **WSKG**.

**Performance Dates:**

Wed., October 14, 2009 at 7:30pm (preview 1 of 3)  
Thurs., October 15, 2009 at 7:30pm (preview 2 of 3)  
Fri., October 16, 2009 at 8:00pm (preview 3 of 3)  
Sat., October 17, 2009 at 8:00pm (press opening)  
Sun., October 18, 2009 at 4:00pm  
Wed., October 21, 2009 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., October 22, 2009 at 7:30pm  
Fri., October 23, 2009 at 8:00pm (wine tasting)  
Sat., October 24, 2009 at 8:00pm  
Sun., October 25, 2009 at 4:00pm  
Wed., October 28, 2009 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., October 29, 2009 at 7:30pm  
Fri., October 30, 2009 at 8:00pm  
Sat., October 31, 2009 at 8:00pm  
Sun., November 1, 2009 at 4:00pm (closing)

**Bold, intimate, engaging...** Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), now in its 19th 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. Our media partners for the 2009-10 season are Cayuga Radio Group, Ithaca Journal, Ithaca Times, Finger Lakes Public Radio: WEOS, the Syracuse New Times and WSKG Radio. For the 2009-10 Season the Kitchen Theatre Company also receives support from the Shubert Foundation.