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MARY'S WEDDING at the Kitchen Theatre Company

Ithaca, NY: The Kitchen Theatre's 20th Anniversary Season continues with *Mary's Wedding* by Canadian playwright Stephen Massicotte. A passionate love story set against the background of World War I, Mary's Wedding is an elegy and celebration of star-crossed lovers who burn with a thrilling brightness.

Kitchen Theatre Company's Artistic Director, Rachel Lampert, will direct Eric Gilde and Ellen Adair. Kitchen Theatre patrons will remember Gilde from the 2010-11 Season production of *Last Train to Nibroc* and this season's collaboration with The History Center of Tompkins County, *The Secret Room*, a play based on the book Dear Friend Amelia: The Civil War Letters of Private John Tidd. Ellen Adair will be making her Kitchen Theatre Company debut.

"I am thrilled to be directing two such talented, nuanced and deeply thoughtful young actors. I cannot wait to get started. The play jumps from the past to the present to the landscape of the mind. It is filled with wonderfully poetic language and almost staggering emotional situations. It is a director's dream, or maybe nightmare, as the play skips along from here to there in a heartbeat. I find the characters so endearing – early 20th century Romeo and Juliet. And having Eric Gilde and Ellen Adair as the company, well – it takes my breath away. This is a play for everyone who truly ever loved another person. It speaks to all that make us human," says director Rachel Lampert.

The design team for *Mary's Wedding* includes set and lighting designer David Arsenault (*The Brothers Size* this season) and costume designer Lisa Boquist (*The Brothers Size*, *Private Lives*, *Santaland Diaries*, *Bed & Sofa*) Original music composed by Mer Boel and sound design by Lesley Greene completes the creative team. 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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Performance Dates:

Wed., June 8, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 1 of 2)

Thurs., June 9, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 2 of 3)

Fri., June 10, 2011 at 8:00pm (Preview 3 of 3)

Sat., June 11, 2011 at 8:00pm (Press Opening)

Sun., June 12, 2011 at 4:00pm

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Rachel Lampert, Artistic Director

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Wed., June 15, 2011 at 7:30pm
Thurs., June 16, 2011 at 2:00pm
Thurs., June 16, 2011 at 7:30pm
Fri., June 17, 2011 at 8:00pm (Wine Tasting)
Sat., June 18, 2011 at 8:00pm
Sun., June 19, 2011 at 4:00pm
Wed., June 22, 2011 at 7:30pm
Thurs., June 23, 2011 at 7:30pm
Fri., June 24, 2011 at 8:00pm (Wine Tasting)
Sat., June 25, 2011 at 8:00pm
Sun., June 26, 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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