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Comedian Vijai Nathan returns to the Kitchen with *McGODDESS: Big Macs, Karma, & the American Dream*

"If Dave Chappelle were an East Indian woman, he would be Vijai Nathan." – Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Ithaca, NY: The Kitchen Theatre Company's KITCHEN COUNTER CULTURE series, featuring extraordinary solo performances by guest artists from around the country, begins this month with the return of comedian Vijai Nathan. Vijai performed her solo show *Good Girls Don't, But Indian Girls Do* to sold-out crowds at the Kitchen in 2007. Now she returns for an extended run of her latest piece, **McGoddess: Big Macs, Karma, & the American Dream**. Performances are Wednesday, September 23 through Sunday, September 27 (see calendar below).

In *McGoddess*, Vijai takes on some rather big themes—faith, hope, and the meaning of life in America. As she puts it, "With a father who's obsessed with McDonald's and Marx, a sister who's a born again Christian, and a mother who warns her of the legend of the "cat baby," what's a good Indian girl to believe?" She sorts through all these ideas and more—and will have the audience laughing hard. It is recommended for ages 16 & up.

In 1997, Vijai mortified her parents by giving up a career in journalism, canceling her wedding, and becoming a stand-up comedian- and she hasn't looked back since! Today, Vijai Nathan is the leading Indian American female comedian, making people laugh across America and internationally too. She has performed in South Africa, England and Canada. NBC chose Vijai as one of its top 10 comics in the Nation for their Stand-Up for Diversity Showcase in Los Angeles, in Sept. 2004, Back Stage Magazine named Vijai one of the top ten stand-up comics in 2003, and she was chosen as one of two comics to represent America at the Smirnoff International Comedy Festival in Cape Town, South Africa in September, 2003. TV appearances include: ABC News' 20/20, PBS, The Oxygen Network, and the BBC.

Kitchen Theatre Company's KITCHEN COUNTER CULTURE series brings Central New York the cutting-edge, outside-the-box, bold, uncensored work of writer/performers who are fearless in their convictions and daring in their presentations. The series celebrates new voices and diverse approaches to the act of performance with artists who are breaking rules and breaking new ground. Coming up

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next in the series is NYC actor/writer/poet Darian Dauchan with *Entertainer's Eulogy* in November. The series continues in February with the world premiere of acclaimed actress Lee Chamberlin's *Objects in the Mirror (are closer than they seem)*, and concludes in April with legendary performance artist Tim Miller's *Lay of the Land*. The series is funded by **New York State Council on the Arts** and sponsored by **Foster Custom Kitchens**, with hospitality sponsor **Hilton Garden Inn**.

Performance Dates:

Wed., September 23, 2009 at 7:30pm

Thurs., September 24, 2009 at 7:30pm

Fri., September 25, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sat., September 26, 2009 at 8:00pm

Sun., September 27, 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. For the 2009-10 Season the Kitchen Theatre Company also receives support from the Shubert Foundation.