

## PRESS RELEASE

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**TICKETS:** \$8-\$16 (senior, student, and subscription discounts available) and may be purchased in person at the Ticket Center in the Historic Clinton House, 116 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY (corner Cayuga and Seneca Streets), by calling (607) 273-4497 or online at [www.kitchentheatre.org](http://www.kitchentheatre.org)

**GROUP RATES:** Discounts are available when you come with a group. For details, contact Marta Potter: marta@kitchentheatre.org or 272-0403.

**Photos available upon request. Artist available for interviews.**

The Kitchen Theatre Company gratefully acknowledges the generous support of Series Sponsors **CAT'S PAJAMAS**, **PURITY ICE CREAM**, and **TOMPKINS TRUST COMPANY**. This funding helps the Kitchen bring bold, intimate and engaging theater to life.

## Cuentos Folklóricos – Folk Tales from the Caribbean and Beyond

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The Kitchen Theatre welcomes Nilsa Mariano, the Taína Storyteller

**ITHACA, NY:** The Kitchen Theatre Company's Family Fare series begins this month with a storyteller who will transport you to the tropics and introduce young and old to a host of wonderful characters. Binghamton storyteller Nilsa Mariano tells cuentos folklóricos — multicultural folk tales from the Caribbean, where she was born, and from around the world. She is the Taína Storyteller, descendent of the Taíno Indians of Puerto Rico. Accompanied by the playful rhythms of conga player David Perez, Nilsa tells stories of animals that speak Spanish, legends of Taíno gods, and adventures and misadventures of foolish boys named Juan Bobo. CUENTOS FOLKLORICOS will be at the Kitchen for three performances only— Saturday, January 24 @ 1pm & 3pm and Sunday, January 25 @ 1pm. It's great for all ages!

**Nilsa Mariano** is a storyteller, short story writer, and poet. Her work appears in the book *Chicken Soup for the Latino Soul* and numerous literary magazines, and she has performed for children and adults throughout the Southern Tier.

**David Perez**, salsero and congero, is a poet at heart and a founder of the Latin American Student Union at Binghamton University.

The Family Fare series is sponsored by Cat's Pajamas, Purity Ice Cream, and Tompkins Trust Company.

### Performance Dates:

Sat., January 24, 2009 at 1:00pm

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Sun., January 25, 2009 at 1:00pm

**Bold, intimate, engaging...Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC)**, now in its 18th 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 provides an engaging mix of regional and world premiere plays and musicals to Central NY in an intimate 73-seat theater 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. 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. The 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 2008-09 Season, the Kitchen Theatre Company also receives support from the Shubert Foundation.

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