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The Kitchen Theatre Premieres a Musical Day in the Park

Ithaca, NY: Bring your kids to the Kitchen Theatre this month for an original musical that is as refreshing and fun as a glorious day in a park. **PARK PLAY** is the first production of the Kitchen's 2009-10 Family Fare season. It runs for two weekends, six performances only: September 19, 20, 26 & 27, with performances on Saturdays at 1pm & 3pm and Sundays at 1pm (see calendar below).

Hayley is a 9-year-old girl who loves her neighborhood park. Not only does it have a great playground with a swing that's perfect for flying high and dreaming, but it also gives her the opportunity to observe people; Hayley is a budding anthropologist, and the children, parents, and grandparents at the park make fascinating research subjects. Funny and sweet, with rousing musical numbers, this show is sure to appeal to park lovers of all ages.

PARK PLAY was written by four collaborators: Kitchen Theatre Artistic Director Rachel Lampert and Family Fare Producer Lesley Greene, recent Ithaca College music department grad Thomas J. Peters, and Ithaca High School senior Nathan Hilgartner. Arrangements are by Larry Pressgrove, music director for Broadway's [title of show] and composer/collaborator with Rachel Lampert on **TONY & THE SOPRANO** and **BED NO BREAKFAST**.

Bringing the show to life is a dynamic cast. Ten-year-old Erin Hilgartner plays Hayley. She is joined by college actors Melanie Beck, Nefertiti Bridges, Ace Heckathorn, Katie Henly, and Katie Wallace, and the multi-talented Stephen Nunley. Together they play multiple roles as the parents, grandparents and children Hayley meets in the park. It is recommended for ages 4 & up.

Performance Dates:

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

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.