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**Sex. Power. Obsession. *Red Light Winter* by Adam Rapp heats up the Kitchen Theatre**

**Ithaca, NY:** Adam Rapp's Pulitzer Prize nominated *Red Light Winter* lays bare the passions of three young people caught in a love triangle so dangerous and obsessive that it pushes them to the brink. *Red Light Winter* previews at the Kitchen Theatre Company on February 22, 23, and 24 and opens on Saturday, February 25. It runs for three weeks, closing March 11, 2012.

The story begins in the seductive city of Amsterdam. It is winter. Davis, an up-and-coming young editor, riding high after a recent editorial success, and his college-buddy Matt, a struggling playwright, have come to partake in all the tantalizing freedoms the city allows. Both 30, both on the cusp of all that is possible in their lives, their dream-like experience peaks when Davis purchases the services of Christina, a mysterious prostitute from the Red Light District, as a gift to Matt. Their *Red Light Winter* changes all three lives forever.

Playwright Adam Rapp is known for his bold, authentic depictions of his generation. Swaggering, posturing for power, and uncensored in their language, Rapp's characters are shocking and alluring at the same time. Matt and Davis' post-college lives have taken different directions, but their friendship has endured with shifting power plays, goading and button pushing. Their conversation is filled with jabs and outrageous fun at the other's expense. Rapp makes sure we see the brilliance of their minds and the depth of their intelligence through hilarious and abrasive dialogue that captures the raw truth of their desperation to bring meaning to their lives.

*The New York Times* called it "a frank, graphic story of erotic fixation and the havoc it can wreak on sensitive souls." Artistic Director Rachel Lampert says, "*Red Light Winter* is a risky piece and a fascinating one. The characters are all controversial—their language and behavior are alarming—but it rings so true. What is the price paid when close friends betray each other? These three characters are each flawed in ways that make them brilliant, sad and longing for connection."

*Red Light Winter* is directed by KTC Artistic Director Rachel Lampert and has an all Actors' Equity cast of three Kitchen veterans. Ellen Adair\* and Eric Gilde\*, seen last season in *Mary's Wedding* by Stephen Massicotte, are up from NYC. Jesse Bush\*, most recently seen as many characters in *The Mystery of Irma Vep* by Charles Ludlam, returns to the Kitchen in the role of Davis.

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Due to language, nudity and sexual situations, *Red Light Winter* is suggested for audiences 18+.

Set design by **Kent Goetz** (at the Kitchen *Private Lives*, *A Marriage Minuet*, *The Drunken City*, *STRANGERHORSE* among others). This production marks **Michael Kalmanowitz** first lighting design at the Kitchen. **Lesley Greene** is the assistant director and sound designer (at the Kitchen: *Mary's Wedding*, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, *Neat*, *Circle Mirror Transformation* among others). **Lisa Boquist** (at the Kitchen: *Mary's Wedding*, *Private Lives*, *Circle Mirror Transformation*, *Neat*, *Precious Nonsense*, among others) is the costume designer. The Production 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.

**Performance Dates:**

Wed., Feb. 22, 2012 at 7:30pm (Preview 1 of 3)  
Thurs., Feb. 23, 2012 at 7:30pm (Preview 2 of 3)  
Fri., Feb. 24, 2012 at 8:00pm (Preview 3 of 3)  
Sat., Feb. 25, 2012 at 8:00pm (Press Opening)  
Sun., Feb. 26, 2012 at 4:00pm  
Wed., Feb. 29, 2012 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., Mar. 01, 2012 at 7:30pm  
Fri., Mar. 02, 2012 at 8:00pm  
Sat., Mar. 03, 2012 at 8:00pm  
Sun., Mar. 04, 2012 at 4:00pm  
Wed., Mar. 07, 2012 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., Mar. 08, 2012 at 7:30pm  
Fri., Mar. 09, 2012 at 8:00pm  
Sat., Mar. 10, 2012 at 8:00pm  
Sun., Mar. 11, 2012 at 4:00pm (Closing)

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**Bold, intimate, engaging...** Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), in its 21st 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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