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### **Kitchen Theatre offers regional premiere of boom – an explosive new comedy about the end of the world**

**Ithaca, NY:** The Kitchen Theatre Company’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary continues with the regional premiere of *boom* by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb—an explosive new comedy about the end of the world. *boom* has previews on February 23, 24, and 25. Opening Night is February 26, and performances continue through March 13, 2011. *boom* is recommended for ages sixteen and up.

Jules is a graduate student studying fish behavior who is absolutely certain that the fish are predicting a comet strike that will change life as we know it. Jo is an undergraduate journalism major who answers an ad on craigslist promising a life-altering sexual encounter. Are they the new Adam and Eve? And who is this woman who seems to controlling the scene from the outside?

Directing this comedy is Samuel Buggeln, director of last season’s *Speech & Debate*. Alison Scaramella, who delighted audiences as the quirky, singing video blogger in the same play, returns to the Kitchen Theatre as Jo. Playing the role of Barbara is New York City-based Ronica V. Reddick (AEA), an Ithaca College graduate who last appeared at the Kitchen in Tanya Barfield’s *Pecan Tan*. Also from New York City is actor Jimmy King (AEA), who played the role of Jules in the original Brown/Trinity Playwrights Rep workshop production of *boom* in 2007.

“I am so excited to be working on this play in the new Kitchen Theatre,” says director Samuel Buggeln. “The play is funny and smart—a perfect fit for Ithaca audiences. The set is a super fun element and one that could never have worked in the old Kitchen Theatre space. I can only describe it as a cross between a futuristic museum display, a scientific laboratory, and a strangely overstocked bachelor pad. You will have to see it to believe it!”

The Kitchen Theatre will be partnering with the Museum of the Earth for four panel discussions of the scientific topics raised by this play. The first of these will be a Meet the Artist event on February 13, 2011 from 4 PM to 6 PM, which will include an excerpt from the play and discussion with Artistic Director Rachel Lampert, director Samuel Buggeln, and Museum of the Earth director Warren Allmon. This event is free and open to the public and is a part of the Museum of the Earth’s Darwin Days (February 6 – 13). Museum of the Earth staff will also join in the post-show discussions for all three preview performances of the play (February 23, 24, and 25 – ticket required).



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The Scenic Designer for *boom* is Daniel Zimmerman, Lighting Designer is Max Doolittle, Costume Designer is Lisa Boquist, Sound Designer is Ben Truppin-Brown, Projection Designer is Lesley Greene, and 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.

**Performance Dates:**

Wed., Feb. 23, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 1 of 2)  
Thurs., Feb. 24, 2011 at 7:30pm (Preview 2 of 3)  
Fri., Feb. 25, 2011 at 8:00pm (Preview 3 of 3)  
Sat., Feb. 26, 2011 at 8:00pm (Press Opening)  
Sun., Feb. 27, 2011 at 4:00pm  
Wed., Mar. 2, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., Mar. 3, 2011 at 2:00pm  
Thurs., Mar. 3, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Fri., Mar. 4, 2011 at 8:00pm (Wine Tasting)  
Sat., Mar. 5, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sun., Mar. 6, 2011 at 4:00pm  
Wed., Mar. 9, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Thurs., Mar. 10, 2011 at 7:30pm  
Fri., Mar. 11, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sat., Mar. 12, 2011 at 8:00pm  
Sun., Mar. 13, 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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