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FAMILY FARE 2007-08

September 29 & 30, 2007

The Other Side

written and performed by Nicholas Flair

Performances: September 29 at 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM and September 30 at 1:00 PM (see calendar page 2)

Tickets: \$7-\$14 (youth and subscription discounts available) and may be purchased in person at the Ticket Center located in the Historic Clinton House, Downtown Ithaca near the Commons, 116 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY (corner Cayuga and Seneca Streets), by calling (607) 273-4497 or online at www.kitchentheatre.org **Photos available upon request. Artist available for interview.**

The Kitchen Theatre Company gratefully acknowledges the generous support of series Underwriter Tompkins County Foundation, series sponsors The Cat's Pajamas, Purity Ice Cream, Tompkins Trust Company, and Vector Magnetics, and show sponsor Cornell Juggling Club. This funding helps the Kitchen bring bold, intimate and engaging theater to life.

2007-08 Family Fare series begins with a guest artist

World class juggler and Ithaca native Nicholas Flair comes to the Kitchen

ITHACA, NY: The Kitchen Theatre Company's FAMILY FARE series, featuring original and exciting theater for all ages, begins this month with a special guest artist. **Nicholas Flair** will perform *The Other Side* for three performances only: September 29 at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, and September 30 at 1:00 PM..

In *The Other Side*, award-winning juggler Nicholas Flair combines comedy, acrobatics, and multimedia effects with world-class juggling to create a visual performance that will engage the whole family. Everyday objects are not at all what they appear in this inventive story of a man that just has to play with everything. Flair manipulates a towering stack of books...and then the bookshelf! He plays with a huge kitchen knife...balancing precariously on top of the kitchen counter! Even an annoying grandfather clock is transformed into a plaything. All is done with humor, skill, and ease in this unforgettable show.

"*The Other Side*" was written and directed by **Nicholas Flair** and **DJ McDonald**, aided by comedy consultant **Yves Dagenais**. Sets constructed by **Seth Allshouse**, and costumes by **Jennifer Johanos**.

About Nicholas Flair: Nicholas got hooked on juggling as a high school student in Ithaca, NY. As a student at Brown University, he founded the Out of Hand Juggling Club, studied dance, worked with the Pan-Twilight Circus, and joined Misnomer Dance Theater, performing at the Joyce Soho. After receiving a B.A. in mathematics, he defied the laws of probability by pursuing graduate work at Montreal's Ecole Nationale de Cirque. There he created his signature acrobatic cigar box routine and earned a degree in circus arts. Before winning the 2006 Cigar Box Juggling Championship, Nicholas performed Off-Broadway and around the world with *Lazer Vaudeville*, in The Metropolitan Opera's *Parade*, and with

Cirque Starlight's tour of *Premiere* in Switzerland. Nicholas has taken to the waves with Holland America cruise lines and hit the airwaves on FOX TV's *30 Seconds to Fame*. He has been covered by *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*, and is a regular on the pages of *Juggle* magazine.

"Nicholas Flair demonstrates master manipulation skills.... combined with hard-to-believe-he-can-do-that acrobatics." - **New York Magazine**

"One of the best [cigar] box routines ever. You will want to watch this marvelous blend of athleticism, artistry, and box technique again and again!" - **Juggle Magazine**

"Flair's major showcase, a Mondrian-inspired juggling specialty, is dizzyingly complex and acrobatic... it really is that impressive." - **Talkinbroadway.com**

Kitchen Theatre Company's FAMILY FARE series features original and exciting theater for all ages. Coming up next in the series is ***The Adventure in Apartment G Sharp***, a world premiere musical by Rachel Lampert & Nathan Hilgartner with music from the grandest of operas, running October 27 through November 11, 2007. Another world premiere musical follows in February: ***Emmet & Ella's Big Apple Escapade*** by Rachel Lampert & Lesley Greene. The series concludes with a brand new movement theater piece ***Scoot, Sizzle, & Slide*** by Rachel Lampert with a commissioned score by Sally Lamb, running April 26 through May 11, 2008. Funded by Family Fare Underwriter **Tompkins County Foundation** and sponsored by **The Cat's Pajamas, Purity Ice Cream, Tompkins Trust Company, and Vector Magnetics.**

Performance Dates:

September 29, 2007, Saturday at 1:00 pm

September 29, 2007, Saturday at 3:00 pm

September 30, 2007, Sunday at 1:00 pm

Bold, intimate, engaging...Kitchen Theatre Company (KTC), now in its 17th 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 2007-08 Season the Kitchen Theatre Company is receiving support from the **Shubert Foundation** and the **New York State Music Fund**.

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