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NEWS RELEASE

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MISTAKEN IDENTITIES, MAYHEM, AND MERRIMENT TWO RIVER THEATRE PRESENTS THE DELIGHTFUL COMEDY *STINKIN' RICH*

(Red Bank, NJ) It's the stuff of classic comedy: a crotchety old miser desperately and ludicrously hides his money from potential thieves. His suspicions include his two children, who wish that Pop would just lighten up and spread more of his wealth. To make matters worse for the kids, Dad plans to marry off his daughter to a rich – but old – suitor, while planning himself to marry a young, but poor, girl. As if that weren't enough, his son is also madly in love with the young girl his father intends to marry.

It is, indeed, the stuff of classic comedy: *Stinkin' Rich*, a hilarious new play, takes its plot from Moliere's 17th century farce, *The Miser*. Cleverly and charmingly adapted by Henry Woronicz, the story has been set in New York City in 1929, an age of soaring optimism and a soaring stock market, a time when young people danced the Charleston and reveled in the jazz age. Peppered with anachronisms, *Stinkin' Rich* may take place in the 1920's, but it has a decidedly 21st century point of view.

Harper, a skinflint whose love of wealth outweighs love for his children, is a man who would throw a dinner party for eight but, to save money, serve only enough food for six. His daughter, Alice, is in love with Valentine, a young man of wealthy parentage separated from his family and working as a secretary in her father's house. Harper's son, Clayton, has fallen for Mary, a young girl who works in a Starbucks-like coffee establishment. Just as Alice and

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Clayton decide to tell their stingy father of their engagement, Harper reveals that he has decided to remarry. The ensuing farce is helped along by some oddball characters, including Rose, a brassy and sassy marriage broker; Fletcher, Clayton's friend who is forever concocting get-rich-quick schemes; and Jacques, a rough-and-tumble French chef who secretly plans the downfall of the bourgeoisie.

The cast includes William Pitts as the miserly Harper, Roger Kraus and Michele Vazquez as his lovelorn and hapless children, Cherene Snow as the saucy Rose, Brooke Peterson as the sweet and innocent Mary, and Jim Ireland as the charming huckster Fletcher. James Knight plays the handsome Valentine and Richard Toth plays the over-worked and under-paid French chef, Jacques.

Performances begin on May 1, 2003 at the Algonquin Arts Theatre, 171 Main Street in Manasquan. Performances run until May 18th. Regular ticket prices range from \$19 to \$35, depending on the performance. Immediately following the performance on Saturday, May 3rd, TRTC will host a reception with the cast and director. A special matinee has been added on Wednesday, May 14th at 1:00 pm at the low price of \$19.

Information and tickets for *Stinkin' Rich* are available now by calling TRTC's box office at 732-345-1400, or by visiting their website at www.tworivertheatre.org. Student and youth tickets are available at \$11. Senior and group discounts apply.

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News Release

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Two River Theatre Company presents

Stinkin' Rich

by Henry Woronicz

In this delightful new adaptation, Moliere's 17th century classic comedy has been transported to New York City in 1929, an age of soaring optimism and a soaring stock market. Miserly old Harper hides his fortune from everyone around him, including his lovelorn children who are hellbent on relieving him of it.

Mistaken identities, confusion, and mayhem reign in this delightful comedy.

DATE	DAY	TIME	SINGLE TICKET
May 1	Thursday - <i>preview</i>	8:00 p.m.	\$19
May 2	Friday - <i>preview</i>	8:00 p.m.	\$19
May 3	Saturday	8:00 p.m.	\$35
	<i>Opening Night</i>		
May 4	Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$28
May 7	Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	\$24
	<i>Talk Back with the cast after the show</i>		
May 8	Thursday	8:00 p.m.	\$24
May 9	Friday	8:00 p.m.	\$24
May 10	Saturday	4:00 & 8:00 p.m.	\$28 & \$35
May 11	Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$28
	<i>Talk Back with the cast after the show</i>		
May 14	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	\$19
	<i>Senior/Group Matinee</i>		
May 15	Thursday	8:00 p.m.	\$24
May 16	Friday	8:00 p.m.	\$24
May 17	Saturday	4:00 & 8:00 p.m.	\$28 & \$35
May 18	Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$28

Discounts are available for patrons aged 65+, individuals under the age of 26, and groups of 10 or more.

VENUE: Algonquin Arts Theatre
171 Main Street
Manasquan, New Jersey

Website: www.tworivertheatre.org

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