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Two River Theater Company

Presents

A Cabaret Performance of
New Songs for the Musical Theater on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 pm

Tony Award-winner B.D. Wong, Sally Wilfert and Sandy Binion are among the Broadway performers who will sing material written by composers and lyricists from NYU's Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program, including Kirsten Childs, Joe Iconis and the teams of Sarah Schlesinger and Mike Reid, and Nathan Tysen and Chris Miller.

Red Bank, NJ— Two River Theater Company announces that, in partnership with New York University's Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program, a dozen composers and lyricists will showcase original songs for the musical theater at a Cabaret at Two River Theater on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 pm.

These songs, all written by graduates or faculty of NYU's acclaimed master's degree program, will be performed by musical theater talent including B.D. Wong, a Tony Award winner for *M. Butterfly* and star of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. Wong will perform two songs, including one from the musical *The Ballad of Little Jo*, written by Sarah Schlesinger, Chair of the program, and composer Mike Reid. Among the other singers featured in the Cabaret are Sandy Binion and Sally Wilfert, who were previously seen on stage together in the William Finn revue, *Make Me a Song*.

Other songwriting talents who will offer new songs are composer/lyricists Kirsten Childs (*The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds Her Chameleon Skin*) and Joe Iconis (winner of the Jonathan Larson Award, the Ed Kleban Award and a Backstage Bistro Award). The team of lyricist Nathan Tysen and composer Chris Miller will perform from their musical *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*.

The Cabaret is a prelude to new artistic programming in Two River's intimate second performance space, the Marion Huber Theater, under the leadership of the company's new Artistic Director, John Dias. In 2011, Two River will kick off a six-month festival of new plays and original musicals, which will be developed during residencies culminating in staged readings and workshops that are free and open to the public. Additional information, including participating artists and dates, will be announced early next year.

Members of the press are invited to the cabaret on **Thursday, December 9 at 7:30pm**. Please schedule tickets through Deeksha Gaur, Director of PR and Marketing, by phone at **732.345.1400 ext. 1830** or via email at dgaur@trtc.org.

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TWO RIVER THEATER COMPANY is a professional not-for-profit regional theater company providing outstanding plays and educational programs for audiences of central New Jersey and beyond. Two River was founded in 1994 by Joan and Robert Rechnitz and over the past 16 seasons has grown into one of the most vital and dynamic arts organizations in the region. The theater has co-produced plays with theaters around the country and received “Theatre of the Year” awards from the New Jersey Theatre Alliance and The Star-Ledger. Two River is a member of the League of Resident Theaters (LORT), Theatre Communications Group (TCG), The New Jersey Theatre Alliance and ArtPride New Jersey.