



## Jessica Stone and Denis Jones Will Helm All-Male *Forum* Starring Christopher Fitzgerald

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Christopher Fitzgerald

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New Jersey's Two River Theater will present the classic Stephen Sondheim musical *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* during its upcoming season in Red Bank.

Jessica Stone will direct the production, which will be choreographed by Denis Jones (*Honeymoon in Vegas*). Inspired by Stone's acclaimed 2010 Williamstown Theatre Festival production, Two River's *Forum* will feature an all-male troupe of actors led by Christopher Fitzgerald as Pseudolus, the slave who tries to win his freedom by playing matchmaker for his innocent young master.

The Sondheim, Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart musical will play the Rechnitz Theater Nov. 14-Dec. 13.

The 2015-16 season will launch in September with August Wilson's *Seven Guitars*, directed by Brandon J. Dirden, and will also include a new music-theatre production of Shakespeare's *Pericles* created by Rinde Eckert and David Schweizer; and the Transport Group's acclaimed production of *I Remember Mama*, directed by Jack Cummings III.

New works include the world premiere of *Lives of Reason* by Robert Rechnitz and Kenneth Stunkel, directed by Jonathan Fox; and the American premiere of Mexican playwright Barbara Colio's *Ropes*, translated into English by Maria Alexandria Beech and directed by Lisa Rothe.

"The 2015/16 season is built around the theme of family," said artistic director John Dias. "Both in the content of the plays, which each deal with the complicated bonds between families—those you are born to and those you build within a community—and for Two River Theater itself. We are welcoming back several artists who are part of our family, and introducing several we have long wanted to bring into the fold. We have always believed that theater is a place for artists and audiences to come together and examine and celebrate the bonds that connect us as humans, and Managing Director Michael Hurst and I are proud that our season will be full of these rich opportunities."

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