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**TWO RIVER THEATER CONTINUES ITS SEASON WITH *THE WOMEN OF PADILLA*,
A NEW PLAY BY TONY MENESES, DIRECTED BY KEN RUS SCHMOLL**

The company includes Karina Arroyave, Helen Cespedes, Jacqueline Correa, Daniella De Jesús, Paloma Guzmán, Keren Lugo, Elizabeth Ramos, and Jeanine Serralles

Special *Inside Two River* programming around the play includes *Operation Homefront*, an engagement series for veterans and military families, and a free Spanish-language reading of *The Women of Padilla (Las Mujeres de Padilla)* on Monday, April 17 as part of *Nosotros*, Two River's outreach program for Latino artists and audiences

Performances: Saturday, April 8 - Sunday, April 30, 2017
Opening: Friday, April 14, 2017 at 8pm

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, continues its season with *The Women of Padilla*, a new play by Tony Meneses, directed by Ken Rus Schmoll. Performances will begin in Two River's Rechnitz Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue, on Saturday, April 8 and continue through Sunday, April 30. The opening night performance is Friday, April 14 at 8pm. Tickets are available from 732.345.1400 or tworivertheater.org. The lead production sponsor of *The Women of Padilla* is Springpoint Senior Living Foundation. *Inside Two River: Operation Homefront* is funded in part by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. *Nosotros* is funded in part by The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and Bank of America Charitable Foundation.

The Women of Padilla tells the story of eight women married to eight brothers, all of whom are away fighting an unnamed war that seems as if it has been going on for years and will continue for many

more. While each waits for news of her husband's fate, they carry on and cook and laugh and weep and fight. Inspired by the heightened lyricism of playwright and poet Federico García Lorca, this new play shows there is always a way—even through the hardest of times—to set our love free.

The Women of Padilla features **Karina Arroyave** as Blanca, the one on the outside; **Helen Cespedes** as Lucha, the one with poetry; **Jacqueline Correa** as Mari, the one who quietly leads; **Daniella De Jesús** as Fidela, the one who's taciturn; **Paloma Guzmán** as Alejandra, the one who's expecting; **Keren Lugo** as Marta, the one with faith; **Elizabeth Ramos** as Cristina, the one who's young; and **Jeanine Serralles** as Carmen, the one who drinks.

Tony Meneses was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, and raised in Albuquerque and Dallas. His play *Guadalupe in the Guest Room* had its world premiere at Two River Theater in 2015 and is now published by Dramatists Play Service.

Ken Rus Schmoll previously directed Madeleine George's *Seven Homeless Mammoths Wander New England* at Two River Theater. He is a two-time Obie Award-winning director, primarily of new plays and operas.

The creative team for *The Women of Padilla* includes scenic designer **Arnulfo Maldonado**, costume designer **Oana Botez**, lighting designer **Yuki Nakase**, and sound designer **Jane Shaw**. The puppet designer is **James Ortiz**, the puppet director is **Will Gallacher**, and the casting is by **Heidi Griffiths & Kate Murray**. The production stage manager is **Alison Hassman**.

Ticket Information

Ticket prices range from \$40 to \$70, with discounts available for groups, seniors, and U.S. military personnel, their families, and veterans. A limited number of \$20 tickets are available for every performance; \$20 tickets may be partial view. Tickets for patrons under 30 are \$20 and include the best available seats at every performance. Tickets are available from tworivertheater.org or 732.345.1400.

Inside Two River

Operation Homefront: Family Day at the Theater: A Salute to Our Troops
Saturday, March 25 from 11am-1:30pm in the Two River Theater Lobby

Two River Theater invites local families to salute our military men and women. Activities will include writing letters to troops, arts and crafts, face painting, theater games; complimentary food will be provided by Urban Coalhouse.

Nosotros: Beauty in Two Languages: An Evening of Spanish-Language Poetry in English
Translation

Wednesday, March 29 from 7pm-9pm

From Lorca to Neruda, some of the world's best poets have written in Spanish. They have given us poems of such beauty that they shine, even in English translation. Cast members from *The Women of*

Padilla and members of the Two River Theater community will read Spanish-language poems in translation; to read a poem of your own choosing, email Literary Manager Anika Chapin at achapin@trtc.org with your name and the poem you'd like to read.

Operation Homefront: Girls Night Out: Military Wives and Moms

Thursday, April 13 beginning at 6:30pm in the Victoria J. Mastrobuono Library

Blue Star Family wives and mothers are invited to attend a free pre-show reception in Two River's VIP Library Lounge prior to the 8pm performance of *The Women of Padilla*.

Nosotros: Spanish-language reading of The Women of Padilla (Las Mujeres de Padilla)

Monday, April 17 beginning at 7pm in the Rechnitz Theater, on the set of *The Women of Padilla*

Two River Theater will present a Spanish-language reading of *Las Mujeres de Padilla*, free and open to both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking audiences. The reading will feature cast members from Two River's production of *The Women of Padilla* and guest artists.

Audience Extras

Before Play and Lobby Display

Audiences will learn about *The Women of Padilla* in Two River's Before Play lecture series, which takes place 45 minutes prior to every performance, and Lobby Display.

Post-Play Conversations

Discussions with members of the cast and a member of Two River Theater's Artistic staff will take place following the performances on Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm; Sunday, April 23 at 3pm; and Wednesday, April 26 at 1pm.

Accessibility

Working with Google, Two River has created and launched a virtual tour of its facility, which lives on Google Maps and tworivertheater.org. This virtual tour provides an additional level of support and benefit for patrons who use wheelchairs or require other assistance by allowing them to virtually come through the theater's front doors and view the space in detail in advance of their visit.

An audio-described performance is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26 at 1pm, and an **open-captioned performance** is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 at 3pm. Tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$25 for patrons using these services. To reserve wheelchair-accessible seating or tickets to a performance listed above, patrons should call 732.345.1400 or e-mail boxoffice@trtc.org.

Calendar

Saturday, April 8 at 8pm

Sunday, April 9 at 3pm

Wednesday, April 12 at 1 pm and 7pm

Thursday, April 13 at 8pm

Friday, April 14 at 8pm (**Opening Night**)
Saturday, April 15 at 3pm and 8pm
Sunday, April 16 at 3pm
Wednesday, April 19 at 1pm and 7pm
Thursday, April 20 at 10am (student matinee) and 8pm
Friday, April 21 at 8pm
Saturday, April 22 at 3pm and 8pm
Sunday, April 23 at 3pm
Wednesday, April 26 at 1pm and 7pm
Thursday, April 27 at 10am (student matinee) and 8pm
Friday, April 28 at 8pm
Saturday, April 29 at 3pm and 8pm
Sunday, April 30 at 3pm

Sponsorship

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