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TWO RIVER THEATER TO BE HONORED WITH THE 2014 CULTURAL ACCESS NETWORK LEADERSHIP AWARD

TWO RIVER ALSO ANNOUNCES RENEWED SUPPORT FROM THE HORIZON FOUNDATION FOR NEW JERSEY AND THE SPRINGPOINT SENIOR LIVING FOUNDATION TO EXTEND THE REACH OF ITS ACCESS PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, is honored to announce that the theater will receive the 2014 Leadership Award from the Cultural Access Network Project, a co-sponsored project of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance. The award, which will be presented at Grounds for Sculpture on Thursday, June 19, recognizes Two River Theater's outstanding leadership in making its programs and facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

Says John McEwen, Executive Director of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, "We are thrilled to present Two River Theater with this year's Leadership Award in recognition of the theater's rich access services, their proactive approach to serving seniors and those with disabilities, their innovative and inclusive marketing and communication strategies, and their belief that theatre should be enjoyed and experienced by all with dignity and independence."

In 2013, working with Google, Two River Theater created a virtual tour of its facility, which lives on Google Maps and is embedded onto the theater's website. This virtual tour, fully accessible to the public, provides an additional level of support and benefit for patrons who use wheelchairs or require other assistance by allowing them to view the space in detail in advance of their visit. The Two River Theater facility, which was designed by the renowned architectural firm Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, is a fully accessible community resource. The theater has comfortable seating, free parking, on-grade entrances, elevators, railings, and wide doorways that provide patrons easy access to its theater spaces. Two River's access programs include assistive listening devices and large-print

programs at every performance; and open captioning, audio description, American Sign Language-interpretation at select performances of each production.

Two River Theater also announces that it has received renewed support from two leading New Jersey foundations, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and Springpoint Senior Living Foundation at the Atrium at Navesink Harbor, to extend the reach of its access programs.

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, an affiliate of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, promotes health, well-being, and quality of life in New Jersey's communities; priority areas include health and the arts. Funding from The Horizon Foundation will again support Two River's theater access programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities to ensure all individuals can participate in the creation of great American theater. "We are delighted to support Two River Theater," said Jonathan R. Pearson, Executive Director of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. "The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey is dedicated to supporting charitable organizations making an impact in the lives of people across New Jersey."

The theater's ongoing partnership with The Springpoint Senior Living Foundation at the Atrium at Navesink Harbor, a nonprofit that provides senior housing and care in New Jersey, enables Two River to continually explore new ways to increase accessibility of the arts for Springpoint's more than 1,500 residents and seniors in affiliated communities throughout New Jersey, by increasing awareness about the theater's productions and programs and as well as the accessibility of its facility.

To order tickets for audio described, open captioned, or sign-interpreted performances, patrons should contact the Box Office at 732.345.1400. For general inquiries, specific concerns, or special requests about Two River's access programs, contact Adam Haratz, Access Coordinator, at 732.345.1400 ext. 1815 or aharatz@trtc.org. For more information, visit www.tworivertheater.org.

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Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, is celebrating its 20th Anniversary of creating great American theater performed by award-winning artists. We produce an eight-play season on two stages, including American and world masterpieces, and new plays and musicals. Two River Theater offers new-play commissions and artistic development activities that support the most adventurous artists in the American theater; invites its audience to be part of the creative process through readings and open rehearsals; and cultivates students and young people to participate in innovative arts-education programs and become a new generation of theatergoers. Founded in 1994 by Joan and Dr. Robert M. Rechnitz, Two River Theater is easily accessible by car, train, or bus, with great restaurants and shopping within walking distance of the theater. For more information, visit tworivertheater.org or call 732.345.1400.