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## TWO RIVER THEATER PRESENTS HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS: AN EVENING WITH JOE ICONIS AND FAMILY ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

<u>Directed by John Simpkins, the evening will include performances by Liz Lark Brown,</u>

<u>Alexandra Ferrara, Danielle Gimbal, Lauren Marcus, Eric William Morris, George Salazar,</u>

<u>Jared Weiss, Jason SweetTooth Williams and other guests to be announced</u>

<u>Tickets ranging in price from \$60-\$250 are on sale now from 732.345.1400 or tworivertheater.org; sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are also available</u>

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, announces **Home Is Where the Art Is: An Evening with Joe Iconis and Family**, a benefit performance directed by **John Simpkins** in Two River's Rechnitz Theater on **Saturday**, **May 19, 2018 at 7pm**.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased from 732.345.1400 or tworivertheater.org and range from \$60 to \$250. Patrons who purchase \$85 tickets will be invited to attend a special cocktail reception beginning at 6pm, prior to the musical program. Patrons who purchase \$250 tickets will be invited to attend both the cocktail reception and a special family dinner following the performance. All proceeds will benefit Two River's programs for the development of new musical theater.

Joe Iconis is an acclaimed musical theater writer whose musical *Be More Chill* (written with Joe Tracz) premiered at Two River in 2015; the original cast recording has been streamed more than 90 million times. Iconis and Tracz are currently writing a new musical as a Two River Theater commission. His other musicals include *Love in Hate Nation, Broadway Bounty Hunter*, and *Bloodsong of Love*, and his song "Broadway, Here I Come" was cited by the *New York Times* as a new

entry in the Great American Songbook. He was named "one to watch" in *Billboard*'s Top 10 picks of the next generation of Broadway singers and songwriters.

A combination of rock 'n' roll jamboree and musical cabaret, the musical performance will include classic tunes, new numbers, and works-in-progress written by Joe Iconis, and will feature performances by some of his closest collaborators including Liz Lark Brown, Alexandra Ferrara, Danielle Gimbal, Lauren Marcus, Eric William Morris, George Salazar, Jared Weiss and Jason SweetTooth Williams.

This special event is sponsored by a number of generous organizations and individuals. For information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Katie Benson at 732.345.1400 ext. 1817 or kbenson@trtc.org.

## **Sponsorship**

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Since its founding in 1994, Two River Theater has been committed to creating great American theater by developing and producing work by some of the country's leading artists. We are proud to be viewed as a vital cultural resource in the community of Red Bank, New Jersey. Through 10 theatrical productions each year (including world premieres, musicals, classics and theater for young audiences) and 40+ annual events happening around Monmouth County, we produce exceptional theater and cultivate engaged audiences. Two River Theater is under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst. For more information, visit tworivertheater.org or call 732.345.1400.