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WHY WAIT FOR CHRISTMAS? TICKET BUYERS FOR TWO RIVER THEATER'S UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF A WIND IN THE WILLOWS CHRISTMAS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT ON THE NAVESINK RIVER

Two River Theater Company and the Navesink Maritime Heritage Association will host "Willows on the Water," a free afternoon of canoeing for kids on the Navesink River, on October 13, 2012

Red Bank, NJ – Two River Theater Company, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, will partner with the Navesink Maritime Heritage Association to present "**Willows on the Water**" on Saturday, October 13, 2012 (rain date: Sunday, October 14, 2012) starting at 12 noon.

The first 50 ticket buyers to purchase tickets to Two River's upcoming holiday production of the world-premiere musical, *A Wind in the Willows Christmas*, are entitled to be part of this special free event. To participate, patrons must purchase their tickets from the Two River Box Office, 732.345.1400, or in person at Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue in Red Bank and mention this promotion. Tickets range in price from \$50-55 for adults and \$25 for all children. Performances begin December 8 and continue through December 30, 2012.

"**Willows on the Water**" will take start at 12pm and end at 3pm. Participating children will depart from Maple Cove (1 Maple Avenue, Red Bank, NJ) and paddle out on the Navesink River, past Riverside Gardens and Marine Park, and then back to Maple Cove. NMHA will provide brightly colored wooden canoes (built by NMHA and used each summer by their River Rangers kids-on-the-water program), as well as life jackets, paddles and supervision on the water. *Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.* A tent and table will be set up at Maple Cove to serve free refreshments to participants provided by Two River Theater.

A tradition for many local residents, Two River Theater's annual family production engages audiences of all ages during the holiday season. *A Wind in the Willows Christmas*, based on the children's classic by Kenneth Grahame, follows the adventures of such beloved river-dwelling characters as Mole, Water Rat, Dr. Badger, and Mr. Toad. *A Wind in the Willows Christmas* is written by bookwriter Mindi Dickstein,

composer Mike Reid, and lyricist Sarah Schlesinger, and directed by Amanda Dehnert. Two River Theater will also offer its county-wide “One Book, One Community” series, interactive activities, and special events throughout the run. Additional details about these special programs will be announced soon. For more information about the production, visit trtc.org.

A Wind in the Willows Christmas is sponsored by Investors Bank.

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NAVESINK MARITIME HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (NMHA) is a non-profit educational organization that promotes appreciation and preservation of New Jersey’s Navesink River communities' maritime heritage, including history, skills, watercraft, artifacts and associated arts, crafts, and sciences. While the Association was formed to concentrate on the Navesink River Heritage, NMHA programs have now spread throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey. www.navesinkmaritime.org