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**TWO RIVER THEATER PRESENTS OBIE AWARD WINNER AND TONY AWARD
NOMINEE LISA KRON IN A RARE PERFORMANCE OF HER SOLO PLAY *2.5 MINUTE RIDE*,
DIRECTED BY MARK BROKAW**

Performances: Saturday, April 20 - Sunday, May 12, 2013 in the Rechnitz Theater
Press Opening: Friday, April 26, 2013 at 8pm

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater Company, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, continues its 2012-2013 Season with ***2.5 Minute Ride***, written and performed by **Lisa Kron**, directed by **Mark Brokaw**. Performances will begin in Two River's Rechnitz Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue, on **Saturday, April 20** and continue through **Sunday, May 12**. **The press opening is Friday, April 26 at 8pm**. Tickets are available from 732.345.1400 or TRTC.org. *2.5 Minute Ride* is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County and Zynergy Retirement Planning.

Lisa Kron's *2.5 Minute Ride*, first performed in New York in 1999, has been honored with Obie, Drama-Logue, and GLAAD Media Awards. In this solo performance, Kron reflects on her father's life as she recounts a journey that she and her father made to Auschwitz, where all of his family had perished. Kron interweaves this narrative with stories of her Midwestern family's visits to the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, where her father—who was by then legally blind—loved to ride the roller coasters. Written and performed by one of the most remarkable storytellers in the American theater, *2.5 Minute Ride* is a poignant, funny, complex meditation on tragedy, grief, and family.

"*2.5 Minute Ride* is seminal to the American theater," says Artistic Director John Dias. "It's wildly improbable how deep and profoundly moving it is—because it is also very, very funny. It's a play and performance like nothing else I've ever seen in my life."

Lisa Kron's (Playwright and Performer) work has been widely produced in New York regionally and internationally. Her plays include *In The Wake* (Lortel and GLAAD best play nominations, Susan Smith Blackburn Prize finalist, included in *Best Plays of 2010-2011*); *Well* (2006 Tony nomination, included in *Best Plays of 2003-2004*); and *The Ver**zon Play* (2012 Humana Festival of New Plays). She is also a founding member of the Obie- and Bessie Award-winning theater company The Five Lesbian Brothers. As an actor she was most recently seen in the Foundry Theatre's *Good Person of Szechwan*.

Mark Brokaw (Director) directed *2.5 Minute Ride* at The Public Theater in 1999. His most recent Broadway credits include Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* and *The Lyons*. New York premieres include works by David Auburn, Lynda Barry, Douglas Carter Beane, Charles Busch, Julia Cho, Lisa Kron, Kenneth Lonergan, Craig Lucas, Nicky Silver, Paula Vogel, and Wendy Wasserstein. He is the Artistic Director of the Yale Institute for Music Theatre and an Artistic Associate at Roundabout Theatre.

The creative team for *2.5 Minute Ride* includes scenic designer **Allen Moyer**, lighting designer **Philip Rosenberg**, sound designer **Darron L West**, and original music by **Dan Froot**. The stage manager is **Rick Steiger**.

For complete biographies of the company, visit www.trtc.org.

Ticket Information

Ticket prices range from \$37 to \$65, 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. Tickets for patrons under 30 are \$24 and include the best available seats at every performance. Student matinee tickets are \$15. Tickets are available from 732.345.1400 or TRTC.org.

Audience Extras

Before the Show

Audiences are invited to learn more about the work of Lisa Kron through Before Play, a free talk that takes place 45 minutes prior to every performance, and Two River's Lobby Display.

Post-Play Discussions

Audiences are invited to share their questions and responses to the play after the following performances: Wednesday, May 1 at 7pm; Sunday, May 5 at 3pm; and Wednesday, May 8 at 1pm.

Accessibility

Two River Theater is fully wheelchair accessible and offers assisted-listening devices and large-print programs at every performance. **Audio-described performances** are **Wednesday, May 8 at 1pm** and **Saturday, May 11 at 8pm**. Tickets are available at the discounted rate of \$25 for patrons needing audio description. An **open-captioned performance** is **Saturday, May 11 at 3pm**. Tickets are available at the discounted rate of \$25 for patrons needing open captions. To reserve wheelchair-accessible seating or tickets for a performance listed above, patrons should call 732.345.1400.

Calendar

Saturday, April 20 at 8pm
Sunday, April 21 at 3pm
Tuesday, April 23 at 8pm
Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm
Thursday, April 25 at 8pm
Friday, April 26 at 8pm (**Press Opening**)
Saturday, April 27 at 3pm and 8pm
Sunday, April 28 at 3pm
Wednesday, May 1 at 1pm and 7pm
Thursday, May 2 at 8pm
Friday, May 3 at 8pm
Saturday, May 4 at 3pm and 8pm
Sunday, May 5 at 3pm
Wednesday, May 8 at 1pm and 7pm
Thursday, May 9 at 10am (student matinee) and at 8pm
Friday, May 10 at 8pm
Saturday, May 11 at 3pm and 8pm
Sunday, May 12 at 3pm

Sponsorship

2.5 Minute Ride is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County and Zynergy Retirement Planning. Opening nights for the 2012-2013 Season are sponsored by et al fine foods & events and Flowers on Front.

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