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**TWO RIVER THEATER ANNOUNCES A SPECIAL SUMMER EVENT: SIX PERFORMANCES OF MIKE BIRBIGLIA'S *THE NEW ONE* PRIOR TO ITS NEW YORK PREMIERE**

**Performances are Wednesday, July 18–Sunday, July 22 in Two River's Rechnitz Theater**

**Tickets for Two River subscribers and donors go on sale Wednesday, May 16 at 10am; the on-sale date for the general public is Friday, May 18 at 10am**

RED BANK, NJ — Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, announces a special summer event: six performances of *The New One*, written and performed by Mike Birbiglia, prior to its New York premiere.

Performances will be in Two River's Rechnitz Theater on Wednesday, July 18 at 7pm; Thursday, July 19 at 7pm; Friday, July 20 at 9pm; Saturday, July 21 at 6:30pm and 9pm; and Sunday, July 22 at 3pm.

Tickets will go on sale to Two River subscribers and donors on Wednesday, May 16 at 10am; the on-sale date for the general public is Friday, May 18 at 10am. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org) or 732.345.1400.

Mike Birbiglia is a comedian and storyteller who has performed in front of audiences worldwide, from the Sydney Opera House to Carnegie Hall. His most recent shows, *My Girlfriend's Boyfriend* and *Thank God for Jokes*, were both filmed for Netflix. Mike has released four albums for Comedy Central Records, including *My Secret Public Journal Live*, which was named one of the "Best Comedy Albums of the Decade" by The Onion AV Club. In addition to performing live, Birbiglia is an author and filmmaker who wrote, directed, and starred in the acclaimed films *Sleepwalk with Me* and *Don't Think Twice*. His book, *Sleepwalk with Me and Other Painfully True Stories*, was a *New York Times*

bestseller and a finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor. As an actor, Birbiglia has appeared on *Orange Is the New Black*, *Inside Amy Schumer* and *Girls*, as well as in the films *Trainwreck*, *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Popstar*. Birbiglia currently lives in Brooklyn with his wife Jen.

Neil Genzlinger of *The New York Times* called Birbiglia's recent show *Thank God for Jokes* "the best night I've spent in a theater in a very long time." In *The New One*, the award-winning comedian approaches an entirely new subject in a new way with the same heart and humor we've come to expect. Do not miss the new one. It may be the best one.

*The New One* has toured to more than 40 cities around the country, with numerous sold-out shows. The run time of *The New One* is 70 minutes. Patrons must be 16 and up to attend performances.

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