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New Associate Artistic Director Announced by Two River Theater Company

Red Bank, NJ – Two River Theater Company's Artistic Director **Aaron Posner** announces the hiring of **KJ Sanchez**. Sanchez will serve as the Theater's **Associate Artistic Director** beginning in July.

Posner is delighted to welcome Sanchez to the TRTC family. "KJ is a director, playwright, actor, and teacher, as well as an expert in collaboratively created theater," says Posner. "She is a bold and exciting artist who is comfortable with classics, new works, and experimental forms. She is passionate, fun, smart, and courageous. She has a great eye, a keen mind, a deep and genuine passion for everything the theater is capable of, plus a great sense of play. I feel honored that she is joining the Two River Team, and I am looking forward to all that we will be able to create together."

KJ Sanchez most recently served as Artist in Residence at the University of Washington's School of Drama. Some of her directing credits include Heather Raffo's *9 Parts of Desire* at Actors Theatre of Louisville, her own plays *Pants on Fire* at the American Repertory Theatre IMAX Institute, *Highway 47* in collaboration with Working Classroom in Albuquerque, New Mexico and *Handcuff Girl Saves the World* at the Washington Ensemble Theater. She has performed on stages throughout the country, including New York Theatre Workshop, BAM, Actors Theatre of Louisville, The Goodman Theatre and Berkeley Repertory Theatre. She is also the voice of many characters on the Nickelodeon cartoons *Dora the Explorer* and *Go, Diego, Go!* KJ served two terms on the SAG National Board of Directors, is a New York Theatre Workshop Usual Suspect, a William and Eva Fox Foundation Fellow, a recipient of both the NEA/TCG CDP for Directors, and the Doris Duke and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation TCG New Generations Program - through which KJ served as Associate Director of Artistic Programs at New Dramatists. She is a former member of Anne Bogart's SITI Company and is an Associate Artist of the Obie Award winning Civilians.

Sanchez is slated to make her TRTC directorial debut this fall when she leads the creative team for ***Mere Mortals***. This David Ives comedy, the second show of the main stage season, will run from October 30 through November 18. More information about **TRTC's 2007/2008 season** is available online at trtc.org or by calling the box office at **732.345.1400**.

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