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## ***Macbeth*** **shatters all sales and attendance records** **at Two River Theater Company**

Red Bank, NJ – **The numbers are in.** Two River Theater Company's production of ***Macbeth*** shattered all sales and attendance records in the 14-season history of Red Bank's regional theater company. Breaking all company records before it opened, ***Macbeth***, directed by **Teller** and Artistic Director **Aaron Posner**, with magic designed by **Teller**, was extended for two weeks, ran for 38 performances and was seen by 12,424 patrons. In the making for more than a year, this ambitious production raked in \$340,507 in ticket sales – \$150,000 more than last season's hit and former front-runner Steve Martin's *The Underpants*. This production of Shakespeare's darkest tragedy is now playing to sold-out houses at the Folger Theatre in Washington DC.

"It was wonderful that people were excited to see what we concocted with this unique new take on *Macbeth*," says Artistic Director **Aaron Posner**. "It shows that people are engaged and intrigued by what is going on here at Two River Theater Company and that we have evolved into a brand people can trust – a place right here in Monmouth County where they know they can come for work that challenges, provokes, and entertains. That is the vision Bob and Joan Rechnitz set for Two River Theater Company from the inception. And that is the course that will make us a theater to watch, locally, regionally, and nationally."

A co-production with the Folger Theatre in Washington, DC, *Macbeth* was sponsored in part by Monmouth University. For more information about the remaining shows in TRTC's 2007/2008 Season, call **732.345.1400**, visit [www.trtc.org](http://www.trtc.org) or visit the **Two River Theater Company Box Office**, located at 21 Bridge Avenue in Red Bank, NJ. **Subscriptions and single tickets** for the rest of the season are now on sale. Three-show subscription prices range from \$98 - \$117 and are discounted at least **20%**. **Discounted group rates and dinner/theater packages** are available by calling TRTC's Sales Hotline at 732.345.1400 ext 813.

Box Office Hours: Monday-Saturday: 10am-6pm; Sunday: Noon-5pm

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**TWO RIVER THEATER COMPANY** is a professional not-for-profit regional theater company, providing outstanding plays and educational programs for audiences of central New Jersey and beyond. TRTC was founded in 1994 by Robert and Joan Rechnitz as Monmouth County's first professional regional theater in 30 years, and over the past 13 seasons has grown into one of the most vital and dynamic arts organizations in the region. Since opening its new theater in May of 2005, TRTC has hosted a number of luminaries and award winners, including Bruce Springsteen, Olympia Dukakis, Jackson Browne, Jon Bon Jovi, Edward Albee, and Sheldon Harnick. In 2006, the company received "Theatre of the Year" awards from both *The Star Ledger* and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance. TRTC is supported in part by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and contributions from hundreds of local and national corporations, foundations, businesses and individuals. Continental Airlines is TRTC's official airline. Two River Theater Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

**FOLGER THEATRE (Co-Producer)** in Washington, DC, is the centerpiece of Folger Shakespeare Library's programs for the public. With a full season of nearly 200 performances, Folger Theatre has been recognized for its innovative stagings of works by Shakespeare, his contemporaries, and those inspired by him. Folger Theatre productions are characterized by their compelling, inspired direction, based in a keen understanding of the text, that combine the resources of extraordinary professional actors, designers, and experts. Folger Theatre has, in the past seventeen years, staged more than 70 plays, including world premieres of new works—Craig Wright's *Melissa Arctic*, Caleen Sinnette Jennings's *Playing Juliet*, *Casting Othello*, Roger Rees's *What You Will: By and About the Bard*, and Lynn Redgrave's Tony Award nominated *Shakespeare for My Father*. Folger Theatre, under the direction of Artistic Producer Janet Alexander Griffin, has been honored with 44 Helen Hayes Award nominations and 12 awards for excellence in acting, direction, design, and production—including the 2006 Award for Outstanding Resident Play for Aaron Posner's production of *Measure for Measure*, which *The Washington Post* called "a measure of greatness."

Folger Shakespeare Library is a world-class center for scholarship, learning, culture, and the arts. Home to the world's largest Shakespeare collection and a primary repository for research material from the early modern period (1500–1750), Folger Shakespeare Library is an internationally recognized research library offering advanced scholarly programs in the humanities; a national leader in how Shakespeare is taught in grades K–12; and an award-winning producer of cultural and arts programs— theater, music, poetry, exhibits, lectures, and family programs. A gift to the American people from industrialist Henry Clay Folger, Folger Shakespeare Library—located one block east of the U.S. Capitol—opened in 1932. Learn more at [www.folger.edu](http://www.folger.edu).