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TWO RIVER THEATER PRESENTS DÍA DE LA FAMILIA, FEATURING LIVE SPANISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF ITS HOLIDAY MUSICAL, HONK!, ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 4PM

Free tickets for the show and an afternoon of family fun are available now by calling 732.345.1400 ext. 1842

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, announces that **Día de la Familia**, an annual tradition at the theater, is scheduled this year for **Sunday, December 11**.

An afternoon of free family fun, Día de la Familia will begin at 3pm with theater games, face painting and tattoos, and cookies, milk, and hot cocoa. At 4pm, audiences will be treated to a performance of *Honk!*, Two River's holiday show, with live Spanish-language translation, available through audio-description headsets. Free tickets are available now from 732.345.1400 ext. 1842.

Honk: A Musical Tale of 'The Ugly Duckling is an adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story with music by George Stiles and book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe. The production is directed by Matt Pfeiffer, who previously directed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Charlotte's Web* at the theater.

Honk! tells the story of an odd-looking baby duck, Ugly (**Paolo Montalban**, the Prince in the ABC/Disney TV movie *Cinderella* opposite Brandy), and his quest to find his mother (**Kenita R. Miller**, Broadway's *The Color Purple*) after he is lured away from his home by a wily Cat (**Doug Hara**, Two River's *Charlie Brown*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*). Along the way, he meets new friends, including a comical troupe of geese (**Amanda Butterbaugh**, **Aymee Garcia**, and **Jim Newman**) and an ebullient bullfrog (**Michael Genet**). His adventures lead him to meet his true love, Penny (**Olivia Oguma**)—and to discover the joy of being different! The company also features four children as Ugly's duckling siblings: **Laura Diorio**, 13, **Owen Doherty**, 12, **Julian Sarin**, 8, and **Gabriella Scerbo**, 11.

Honk! won London's 2000 Olivier Award for Best Musical, beating *Mamma Mia!* and *The Lion King*. Comic and heart-warming, it is a musical to "quack" about for both children and adults, who will appreciate not only its timeless theme of acceptance, but also its witty lyrics and tuneful score. Music direction is by Wayne Barker and the choreography is by Jenn Rose. Performances will begin in Two River's Rehnitz Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue, on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 and continue through Sunday, January 1, 2012. The opening night performance is Saturday, December 10 at 7pm.

Tickets for Two River's production are available from 732.345.1400 or www.trtc.org. Tickets are \$25 for patrons under age 18, and ticket prices for adults start at \$50. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. *Honk!* is sponsored by OceanFirst Foundation.

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