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Two River Theater Company Presents Actor and Mime Bill Bowers in His Acclaimed Solo Show
***It Goes Without Saying*, February 17-20, 2011**

Bowers will lead a talkback with LGBTQ youth and their advocates on Thursday, February 17,
one of several events for the LGBTQ community sponsored by Two River this season

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater Company, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias, will present Bill Bowers, an actor and one of the most acclaimed mimes in America today, in his solo show *It Goes Without Saying* from February 17-20 as part of this season's "Flashes of Brilliance" series. Taking audiences on a scenic, and spoken, tour of his life so far—from his childhood in Montana to studying with the legendary Marcel Marceau, with many stops in between—this autobiographical tour-de-force, written and performed by Bowers and developed with director Martha Banta, has won awards across the country. Most recently, it was honored as Best Production at the 2010 United Solo Festival in New York.

Performances are Thursday, February 17, Friday, February 18, and Saturday, February 19 at 8 pm, and Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20 at 3pm. Tickets are just \$20, with discounts available for groups, and are on sale now from www.trtc.org, over the phone from 732.345.1400 or at the Two River Theater Box Office, 21 Bridge Avenue.

Bill Bowers has appeared on Broadway in Disney's *The Lion King* and *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and on the stages of such venues as Radio City Music Hall, The Kennedy Center, and Madison Square Garden. A student of world-renowned mime Marcel Marceau, and often compared to Chaplin and Keaton, Bowers evokes the deepest truths of the human condition through his eloquent movement and style that is uniquely his own. He is featured in the film *Two Weeks Notice* with Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant, and his television credits include *Law & Order*, *One Life to Live*, *All My Children*, *Remember W.E.N.N.* and Disney's *Out of the Box*. He holds an MFA from Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts, and an Honorary PhD from Rocky Mountain College.

In connection with *It Goes Without Saying*, Bowers will meet with LGBTQ youth and their advocates immediately following the performance on Thursday, February 17. The discussion

and Q&A (which will be open to all patrons for that evening's performance) will immediately follow the performance, and will provide an opportunity for Bowers to share more personal anecdotes about his life, growing up gay in rural Montana, his work, and his artistic process.

This special talkback is one of many events Two River is presenting throughout this season in collaboration with the Monmouth County Consortium on LGBT Youth, including an open-mic coffee house this past November and, on February 6, a dance for LGBTQ youth and their allies ages 13-19, called *Better Dance!*

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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. Two River was founded in 1994 by Joan and Robert Rechnitz and over the past 16 seasons has grown into one of the most vital and dynamic arts organizations in the region. The theater has co-produced plays with theaters around the country and received "Theatre of the Year" awards from the New Jersey Theatre Alliance and The Star-Ledger. Two River is a member of the League of Resident Theaters (LORT), Theatre Communications Group (TCG), The New Jersey Theatre Alliance and ArtPride New Jersey.