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Theatre In The Park Announces 2012-2013 Season

Theatre In The Park's New and Challenging Season Includes A Triangle Premiere

Raleigh, NC, April 17, 2012 – Theatre In The Park raises the bar for local theatre with its 2012-2013 season. The ambitious production schedule of four productions includes the addition of a musical to our main stage line up.

Opening the season with a bang, in September, is the Tony and Pulitzer Prize winning musical *Next to Normal*. With a thrilling contemporary score by Tom Kitt and book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey, *Next to Normal* is an emotional powerhouse of a musical about a family trying to take care of themselves and each other. Making its Triangle debut, this emotionally charged contemporary classic is not to be missed. Theatre In The Park follows this award winning musical with its own holiday classic, Ira David Wood III's musical adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, celebrating 38 continuous years on stage.

In 2013, the production schedule will continue with the chilling and atmospheric *The Pillowman* by Martin McDonagh. It tells the tale of Katurian, a fiction writer living in a police state who is interrogated about the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of bizarre murders occurring in his town. It's the classic tale of life imitating art... or is it?

Next up is the iconic piece of American literature, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, with dramatization by Christopher Sergel. This traditional telling of the coming-of-age story of Scout Finch and her brother, Jem, in 1930's Alabama will be directed by Ira David Wood III who will also star as wise attorney Atticus Finch.

The season will close out in June with the dark comedy *Fuddy Meers* by David Lindsay-Abair. *Fuddy Meers* tells the story of an amnesiac, Claire, who awakens each morning as a blank slate on which her husband and teenage son must imprint the facts of her life. One morning, Claire is abducted by a limping, lisping man who claims her husband wants to kill her. The audience views the ensuing mayhem through the kaleidoscope of Claire's world. Local favorite Jesse Gephart will direct.

Season Memberships are available and may be purchased by calling Theatre In The Park's box office at 919-831-6058 or visiting us on the web at <http://www.theatreinthepark.com>. Season members receive discounted tickets and advance purchasing for *A Christmas Carol*. Be sure to join us for a powerful thought-provoking season.

About Theatre In The Park

Theatre In The Park, located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University, has been entertaining audiences since 1947. Theatre In The Park is one of North Carolina's largest non-profit performing arts organizations and is acclaimed for its numerous outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama.

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