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Editor's Note: Theatre critics are invited to attend Opening Night performances,
Saturday, November 21 at 8 pm.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**A COMING OF AGE TALE GRACES NEW THEATRE'S
STAGE IN QUIARA ALEGRÍA HUDES' ROLLING
WORLD PREMIERE OF *26 Miles***

New Theatre presents the National New Play Network Rolling the World Premiere of *26 Miles* by Tony Award Winner Quiara Alegría Hudes. In this coming of age tale, a Cuban mother loses custody of her Jewish daughter and after eight years she is given a second chance. At 4:30 in the morning she kidnaps the sick teenage girl and the two drive west in search of a remedy and their divergent American dreams.

This production marks Quiara Alegría Hudes' 2nd play produced at New Theatre after the critically acclaimed *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue* in 2006 and she wrote the book for the musical *In the Heights*, both finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama. *In the Heights*, which continues its run on Broadway, has just launched a national tour, and is the recipient of the 2008 Tony Award for Best Musical. Other plays include *26 Miles* (Alliance Theatre) and book and lyrics for *Barrio Grrr!* (Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts). She is a resident writer for New Dramatists, is the Aetna New Voices Fellow at Hartford Stage, Joyce Fellow at Hudes is currently writing a new play, *Water By the Spoonful*, and the screenplay of *In the Heights* for Universal Pictures. She lives in New York with her husband and daughter.

Sponsored in part by the National New Play Network's Continued Life Fund and The Harold & Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust, *26 Miles* is directed by Artistic Director, Ricky J. Martinez, with a cast that includes New Theatre veterans Evelyn Perez, Jackie Rivera and Christopher Vicchiollo. Derek Warriner, who will be making his New Theatre debut, joins the stellar cast. Returning to New Theatre are Production Stage Manager Dana Hesch, Lighting Designer David Hernandez, Sound Designer Ozzie Quintana and Scenic Designer Yamaris Salomon.

November 20 – December 20, 2009
(Press Opening- Saturday, December 21)

Performances Thursday through Saturdays at 8 pm.
Sunday at 1 pm. Additional Sunday 5:30 pm on November 29 and December 6 & 13.

Ticket & Subscription information:

Preview- Friday, November 20 at 8 pm: \$ 20
Thursday and Sunday evenings: \$ 35, All other performances: \$ 40

Flexible Season Memberships available!

Student Rush tickets available for students (under 25 with valid I.D.)
for \$ 15, at the door no earlier than 1 hour prior to curtain.
Subject to availability.

Location:

New Theatre is located in Coral Gables, just one block from Village of Merrick Park at
4120 Laguna Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33146

Contact:

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2009- 2010 Season Schedule

* World Premiere

** NNPN World Premiere

***The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare**

August 27 – September 27, 2009

This classic battle-of-the-sexes romp is the tale of a shrewish woman and her strong-willed husband, both causing havoc on the conventions of courtship and marriage.

***In Development** by David Caudle**

October 8 – November 8, 2009

Sex, death, and dramaturgy take the stage at a conference for aspiring young playwrights and their legendary mentor; the previous year had dire consequences, and now lightning seems poised to strike twice.

26 Miles by Quiara Alegría Hudes**

November 19 - December 20, 2009

A Cuban mother defies a custody ruling, kidnaps her estranged Jewish daughter, and the two drive west in search of the authentic American experience.

***The Hour of the Tiger** by Sandra Riley**

January 14 - February 14, 2010

An American woman immersed in Japan during the cease fire is tangled between rescuing a geisha from her money hungry master and conquering her own fears.

***Equus* by Peter Shaffer**

February 25 – March 28, 2010

The primal and electric story of a stable boy and psychiatrist who seeks to understand the sexual and religious mystery which leads to a climactic and unbelievable event.

A New Play*

TBA

April 8 – May 9, 2010

About New Theatre

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New Theatre was founded in 1986 and is dedicated to the development and production of new works. The theatre has brought the national premieres of more than 30 plays by early- and mid-career American playwrights to South Florida, including New Theatre-commissioned *Anna in the Tropics*, winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

New Theatre receives major season support from the City of Coral Gables, the Miami Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Affairs Council, the Mayor, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and The Florida State Department's Division of Cultural Affairs of Florida. Additional project support is received from Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, Catering by Lovables, Citizens Interested in the Arts, Coconut Grove Bank, The Dramatists Guild Foundation, Florida Power and Light, The Melvin C. and Nancy Morgenstern and The Manny & Ruthy Cohen Foundation, The Miami Salon Group, The Roblee Foundation, The Audrey Love Charitable Trust Foundation, The Burstein Family Foundation, The William J. and Tina Rosenberg Foundation, The Max Minsky & Florence Goldstein Foundation, The Sitkin Family Foundation, American Express Foundation and The Blair H. & Lee D. Temkin Foundation.

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