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Editor's Note:

Theatre critics are invited to attend Opening Night performances, Saturday, January 17 at 8 pm.

Photo Attached:

Jessa Thomas & Larry Buzzeo: Photo by Eileen Suarez

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

“KISSING” HEATS UP THE STAGE AT NEW THEATRE

New Theatre kicks off the beginning of 2009 with the World Premiere of *Kissing* by Robert Caisley, running January 15 – February 15, 2008. Things heat up in this quirky romantic comedy and lives spin out-of-control during an office softball game. When an illicit kiss between Sam and Tess threatens to break up his long-time marriage to Helen, Tess breaks off the relationship, and makes an attempt at a new life with Andrew. A play about the biology and sociology of kissing and the choices we make after passion and guilt intervene. Perfect for Valentines so bring the one you love and KISS along with us!

Robert Caisley is Associate Professor of Theatre & Film, and Head of the Dramatic Writing Program at the University of Idaho. His plays have played at Walnut Street Theatre, Mill Mountain Theatre, Sundance Writer's Lab, and Actor's Theatre of Louisville. Mr. Caisley will be present on the opening weekend and will be available for interviews.

Under the direction of New Theatre's Artistic Director, Ricky J. Martinez, and sponsored in part by The Dramatists Guild Foundation and The Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, New Theatre veterans, Barbara Sloan and recent Shakespeare's *As You Like It* apprentice, Jessa Thomas return to form part of a dazzling cast alongside Larry Buzzeo and Kyle A. Thomas, both making their New Theatre debut. Returning to New Theatre will be Production Stage Manager Clint Hooper, Costume Designer K. Blair Brown and Set Designer Jesus Casimiro.

January 15 – February 15, 2009

(Press Opening- Saturday, January 17)

Performances Thursday through Saturdays at 8 pm
Sunday at 1 pm. Additional Sunday 5:30 pm on January 25 February 1 and 8.

Ticket & Subscription information:

Preview- Thursday, January 15 at 8 pm: \$ 20
Thursdays & Sunday evenings \$ 35, All other performances: \$ 40

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

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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, Florida Power and Light, The Melvin C. and Nancy Morgenstern and The Manny & Ruthy Cohen Foundation, 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, BankAtlantic Foundation, American Express Foundation and The Blair H. & Lee D. Temkin Foundation.

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