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Editor's Note:

Theatre critics are invited to attend Opening Night performances, Saturday, April 18 at 8 pm.

Photo Attached:

Michaela Cronan: Photo by Ricky J. Martinez

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

“MAURITIUS” SEIZES THE STAGE AT NEW THEATRE

New Theatre presents its final production of the 2008-2009 Season, *Mauritius*, a Broadway Hit making its Southeastern Premiere, by Pulitzer Prize nominated Theresa Rebeck, running April 16 – May 17, 2009. "A Sinister Comedy about Stamps" - This sharp, funny, and engaging work straight from its Broadway premiere keeps us at the edge of our seats hinged on each plot twist. Jackie and Mary are half-sisters whose mother's death leaves them in possession of a rare stamp collection, while battling over who owns the stamps three dealers have designs of their own. Who is friend and who is foe?

"A gifted writer with an expansive mind, willing to explore old terrain to find new paths." -
The New York Times

"Unsurprisingly for a writer with extensive experience in TV police procedurals like "NYPD Blue" and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent," one of Rebeck's strengths is her skill at stitching tension into every exchange. The five characters in *Mauritius* pair up and face off in shifting configurations, the emotionally fraught edges of their twisty encounters made all the more intriguing by the fact that items as apparently innocuous as postage stamps fuel the friction."
-*Variety*

"One wouldn't think that the subject of rare stamps would make for gripping, entertaining theater, but Theresa Rebeck's *Mauritius*, being given its Broadway premiere by the Manhattan Theatre Club, proves otherwise...The sort of well-made, engrossing and unpretentious play rarely encountered on Broadway these days, *Mauritius* is a welcome introduction to the fall season." -*The Hollywood Reporter*

April 16 - May 17, 2009

(Press Opening- Saturday, April 18)

Performances Thursday through Saturdays at 8 pm

Sunday at 1 pm. Additional Sunday 5:30 pm on April 26, May 3 & 10.

Under the direction of New Theatre's Artistic Director, Ricky J. Martinez, and sponsored in part by Carol & Judge Robin Faber through United Way of Miami-Dade, and also in part by the Dramatists Guild Fund, New Theatre veterans Kim Ehly, Israel Garcia, Michael McKeever, and Bill Schwartz join Michaela Cronan, who will be making her New Theatre debut to form part of a superb cast. Returning to New Theatre will be Production Stage Manager Clint Hooper, Costume Designer K. Blair Brown, Set and Lighting Designer Jesus Casimiro and Sound Designer Ozzie Quintana.

Ticket & Subscription information:

Preview- Thursday, April 16 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

Contact:

For tickets, call (305) 443-5909
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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, 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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