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**BRIDGEPORT THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS *RENT***

**BRIDGEPORT CT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010** – The roles have been cast, the sets are being built, the lights are being hung, and the tickets are selling for Bridgeport Theatre Company’s inaugural production of *RENT*, which will run **October 15-Nov 6** at the Playhouse on the Green Theatre, located at 177 State Street, Downtown Bridgeport. Over the course of its groundbreaking 12-year New York run, *RENT* transformed the definition of musical theater -- and changed Broadway forever. Set in NYC's East Village, *RENT* is a modern take on the classic Puccini opera, *La Boheme*. It tells the unforgettable story of a group of young artists learning to survive, falling in love, finding their voices and living for today. BTC has partnered with MFAP, Mid Fairfield AIDS Project, for this event in an effort to join the fight and help spread awareness about how to prevent the spread of this horrible disease.

*RENT* is the classic musical about love, friendship and community, and the ninth longest-running show in Broadway history. Now, *RENT* is coming to YOUR CITY and BTC has gathered actors from in and around the fabulously talented CT theatre scene, creating an all star cast which includes, Alisson Wood (Bridgeport, CT), Bill Adams (West Haven, CT), Frank J Cepero (Tarrytown, NY), Jason Lerma (West Haven, CT), Jessica Ferraday (Milford, CT), Heather Abrado (Stamford, CT), Kallid Graham (Bridgeport, CT), Kristin O'Brien (West Haven, CT), Lamont Mack (Stratford, CT), Maggie Pangrazio (Fairfield, CT), Michelle Funaro (North Haven, CT), Miguel Padilla (Bridgeport, CT), Richard Cummings (Norwalk, CT), Ricky Altimirano (New York, NY), and Ryan Little (Norwalk, CT).

Get your tickets today for BTC’s 2010/11 Season Premiere of *RENT*, \$25 for all performances, and in addition a special \$50 Premium Ticket Price will be available for opening night only that includes a catered pre-show reception, including two free drinks and an invitation to the after party with the cast.. Take advantage of our “Renthead” Special offering select front row seats for only \$19.94! *RENT* will be directed by Melinda Zupaniotis, with musical direction by Tim Heavner, choreography by Julia Maggiola, and will be produced by Artistic Director Eli Newsom. For more information on the show or to purchase tickets visit the Bridgeport Theatre Company website at: [www.bridgeporttheatre.org](http://www.bridgeporttheatre.org), or call the 24/7 ticket hotline 800.838.3006

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