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Theatre In The Park Announces 2010 – 2011 Season Celebrating the power of theatre

Raleigh, N.C., June 1, 2010 – As one of North Carolina's most innovative and exciting theatre arts centers, Theatre In The Park has put together an extraordinary season that will leave audiences saying "Ah, Theatre." Theatre In The Park's season celebrates the power of theatre with four shows capturing the dramatic highs and comedic lows of life in the theatre.

With the announcement of the 2010/2011 season of shows, the theatre also announces that mainstage shows at Theatre In The Park will run for three weekends, and evening productions will begin 30 minutes earlier, at 7:30pm.

Theatre In The Park kicks off its 2010 – 2011 season in September with *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (*Abridged*) by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, an irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard's plays. Thirty-seven plays in ninety-seven minutes!

This year's selection of plays includes two Shakespearean based comedies plus a Tony Award® winning love story. The season will close next June, with the well known comedy-within-a-comedy, Tony Award® nominated *Noises Off*.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)	Sept. 17-19, 23- 26 & Oct. 1-3
by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield	
The Real Thing by Thomas Stoppard	Feb. 4-6, 10-13 & 17-20
Devon Does Denmark by Ira David Wood III (World Premiere)	Apr. 1-3, 7-10 & 15-17
Noises Off by Michael Frayn	Jun. 10-12, 16-19 & 24-26

Premiering this season will be *Devon Does Denmark* written by Ira David Wood III. This royal farce, about the Famous Devon Players, a world weary acting troupe, will keep you laughing as the troupe tours the provinces of Elizabethan England before attempting what they hope will be a triumphant return to London. Unfortunately, they end up in the frozen north country of Denmark - where they encounter Prince Hamlet.

The annual production of Ira David Wood III's *A Christmas Carol* will return to the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC) for three performances, December 3-5, before returning for the 36^{th} anniversary run at Raleigh's Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts, Memorial Auditorium, December 8 - 15 for nine performances.

As always Season Members benefit from the advance purchase of tickets to the Raleigh production of *A Christmas Carol* and *A Christmas Memory*. Membership and ticket order forms for *A Christmas Carol* can be downloaded from the theatre's website, www.theatreinthepark.com.

Memberships and tickets for all mainstage shows can be purchased online at <u>www.theatreinthepark.com</u> or from the theatre's box office at 919-831-6058.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.theatreinthepark.com or call (919) 831-6058

About Theatre In The Park : Theatre In The Park, is 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 organization and 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. Theatre In The Park truly offers something for everyone.