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**ELEMENTAL THEATRE ANNOUNCES 4TH OF JULY LATE-NIGHT
SPECTACULAR,**

RECESSION! (THE MUSICAL)

ELEMENTAL THEATRE is prepared to address the economic crisis in the only manner it can possibly be adequately dealt with: the late-night musical sci-fi radio play.

RECESSION! (the musical) offers theatergoers the chance to finally see what happens when free market capitalism, time machines, and catchy tunes are allowed to run amok. Presented in Elemental's patented old-timey radio style, and featuring a cast of Rhode Island's funniest theatrical misfits, ***RECESSION! (the musical)*** promises to make this Independence Day weekend one of the funniest since Paul Revere was caught showing Betsy Ross exactly what he meant by: "Two if by sea."

The play, written by Elemental artists Dave Rabinow (*deca*go*go, Zombie President*) and Peter Sampieri (director, *deca*go*go, King Stag, A Bright Room Called Day*), follows the adventures of uber-economist Alan Greenspan and his youthful ward Sherman as they board a time machine and race through American history, attempting to forestall the current economic meltdown. On their travels, they encounter luminaries such as Bill Clinton, Ayn Rand, and a young Billy Gates. But could one of them be the mysterious evil genius behind the econo-lypse? Or is something even more sinister afoot? Music and mayhem, love stories and live sound effects, thrills, chills, and the devaluation of everything except a cheap laugh, all coming to an (air-conditioned!) theatre near you this July 4th weekend! Let Elemental supply your fireworks this Independence Day!

RECESSION! (the musical) will be presented for TWO NIGHTS ONLY: Friday, July 3 and Saturday July 4, 2009. All shows at 11:00 pm at Perishable Theatre, 95 Empire Street, Providence RI. Tickets are \$10 each. Information and reservations available at www.elementaltheatre.org or (401) 447-3001.

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AT A GLANCE

elemental theatre presents

PRODUCTION: *Recession! (the musical)*
LOCATION: Perishable Theatre
95 Empire Street
Providence, RI 02903

PERFORMANCE DATES: Friday, July 3 and Saturday July 4, 2009

PERFORMANCE TIMES: 11:00 pm

TICKET PRICES: \$10 at the door – Cash or Check.

RESERVATIONS: Reservations available at (401) 447-3001 or
info@elementaltheatre.org

MORE INFORMATION: www.elementaltheatre.org

Praise for elemental theatre's previous work:

*deca*go*go* (January, 2009)

Providence Phoenix "Best Of 2009" Editors' Pick

The Phoenix declared this production 2009's "Best Entertaining Surreality" and said:
"...the annual package of short plays by the ELEMENTAL THEATRE COLLECTIVE is
a treat to look forward to."

*pent*a*go*go: five stories to every side* (January, 2007):

Bill Rodriguez from the Providence Phoenix said our original play festival

"impressed and delighted me... their five short plays range from good to fantastic,
literally and figuratively."

A Bright Room Called Day by Tony Kushner (October, 2005):

Motif was "astounded" by the "energy...[and] strength of the acting," and gave "credit
[to] the entire cast" for its "commitment" and "astounding climax."

Nominated for Best Production, Best Director, and Best Actress, 2005 Motif Theatre
Awards.

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