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ELEMENTAL BRINGS *POSSIBLE WORLDS* TO PROVIDENCE FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

NOVEMBER 18-21 AT 95 EMPIRE STREET

PROVIDENCE, RI – November 9, 2010

ELEMENTAL THEATRE COLLECTIVE is bringing Canadian playwright John Mighton's *Possible Worlds* to 95 Empire Street, home of Perishable Theatre, for **one week only**, November 18-21, 2010.

Possible Worlds is the story of George Barber, a brilliant risk analyst who experiences every life he could possibly have lived. He shifts constantly between parallel lives in different realities. But in every one, George is in love with the same woman. Searing, honest and tender, the play asks questions of imagination and memory: How much of our life is remembered, how much is constructed – and does it matter in the end?

Director **Peter Sampieri** calls the play “part science fiction, part murder mystery, part intriguing math puzzle, and an all-encompassing love story,” and notes that *Possible Worlds* is that rare play that truly offers something for everyone.

The two-person cast features Elemental's Artistic Director **Alexander Platt**, last seen in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* at Perishable Theatre, and **Kate Kohler Amory**, a physical theatre actor and aerialist as well as a colleague of Sampieri's at Salem State University. Platt and Sampieri graduated together from the Trinity Rep Conservatory in 2002, and they have been frequent collaborators in Elemental projects since *A Bright Room Called Day* in 2005.

Possible Worlds will be presented at 95 Empire Street, November 18-21, Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 General/\$15 Students. Reservations can be made by calling (401) 447-3001 or on our website at www.elementaltheatre.org.

Peter Sampieri (Director) is a professional stage director and university professor who lives in Salem, MA. In New York he has directed productions at the Cherry Lane Theatre, the Barrow Street Theatre, and The Public, and directed workshops at Bric, Six Figures, and The Dramatist's Guild. His work has been seen locally at Trinity Rep (*Wit*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Taming of The Shrew*) and the Gamm (*Red Noses*, *Crime and Punishment*, *The Pillowman*, and *Radio Free Emerson*), as well as productions at Brown, Providence College, URI, Huntington Theatre and Portland Stage Company. He has collaborated many times with Elemental Theatre as both a director and songwriter, including the productions of *A Bright Room Called Day*, *Talk to Me Like the Rain...*, *Decagogo: The Exquisite Corpse* and *King Stag*.

John Mighton, OC (Playwright) is a Canadian author and mathematician. He is the founder of JUMP, a charitable organization that works to educate students in mathematics. He is the author of *The Myth of Ability* and *The End of Ignorance*. As a playwright, he has been the recipient of three Governor General Awards for his plays, which include *Possible Worlds*, *The Little Years*, *Body & Soul*, *Scientific Americans*, *A Short History of Night*, and *Half Life*. He has also been the recipient of the prestigious Siminovitch Prize for playwriting. John also advised on the script for *Good Will Hunting* while it was

shot in Toronto. As an actor in the film, he references the main idea in his book *The Myth of Ability* – that most people never get a chance, because a teacher doesn't take the time to show them how to learn.

This production is using the space at 95 Empire St, home of Perishable Theatre, through the Perishable Enriches Artists (PEA) program, offering below-market rehearsal and performance space to new, emerging, and established artists. Our spaces include a dance studio, classroom and black-box theatre space. More information about space at www.perishable.org/rental. *Possible Worlds* is not a Perishable production.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS

DETAILS AT A GLANCE

Possible Worlds by John Mighton
November 18 through 21 at 95 Empire Street

DIRECTOR Peter Sampieri**

CAST Kate Kohler Amory, Alexander Platt*

VENUE 95 Empire Street
Home of Perishable Theatre
Providence, RI 02903

RESERVATIONS (401) 447-3001
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TICKET PRICE \$20 General \$15 Student
Cash or check at the door

**Member, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society

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***Possible Worlds* | Performance Calendar**

Thu 11/18 7:30 pm

Fri 11/19 7:30 pm

Sat 11/20 7:30 pm

Sun 11/21 7:30 pm