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University Theatre presents:
***A Bright Room Called Day* by Tony Kushner**
Blurring the Lines of History

Minneapolis, MN – This spring the University of Minnesota Theatre brings Pulitzer-Prize winner, Tony Kushner's, *A Bright Room Called Day* to the Stoll Thrust stage. Kushner explores two political parties' rise to power in vastly different social and political climates. Set in a Berlin apartment, the play relates the concerns of a middle-aged actress in pre- Nazi Berlin to those of a young American woman frustrated by the rising political forces in the United States during the early 1990s. Kushner's exploration of human nature in the face of social change makes *A Bright Room Called Day* a challenging and engaging experience of theatre.

A Bright Room Called Day presents an atypical perspective on the Holocaust and contemporary American politics, offering a timely exploration of hope and perseverance in times of seemingly insurmountable adversity. As Kushner's first play, *A Bright Room Called Day* also offers theatergoers the chance to witness history. With Tony Kushner currently in residency in the Twin Cities producing his newest piece, audiences can see the full range of a contemporary theater legend right here in Minneapolis.

Lisa Channer (Director) is co-artistic director of *Theatre Novi Most*, a performance and research project that builds theatrical bridges between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union through the creation of original works for the stage that meld Russian and American theatrical traditions. She was co-founder and co-artistic director of Sleeveless Theatre, a political theatre company based in Northampton, Massachusetts from 1989 – 1997. She earned her B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and her M.F.A. in Directing from the Yale School of Drama. In her time at the University of Minnesota, Channer has most recently worked on the 2007-08 season's production of *The Galileo Project*.

University Theatre and Dance is a laboratory for performance and practice of what is taught in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance's academic programs. In keeping with the University of Minnesota's three public purposes – research and discovery; teaching and learning; outreach and public service – the mission of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance is to educate students and audiences about the performing arts, and about the social issues and human emotions the arts speak to so powerfully. We are committed to realizing this mission by creating, producing, and studying works of theatre and dance, and performing them publicly for diverse audiences drawn from both the University and the community at large. Patrons should expect to see performances that challenge the mind and are produced with the highest possible quality.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WHAT: *A Bright Room Called Day* by Tony Kushner

WHO: University of Minnesota's Department of Theatre Arts and Dance students under the direction of Lisa Channer

WHERE: Rarig Center's Stoll Thrust Theatre, West Bank Arts Quarter,
University of Minnesota, 330 21st Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55455

WHEN: Performances April 17 – 25, 2009

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
				Apr. 17th 8:00pm Opening Night Post-show Reception	Apr. 18 th 8:00pm	Apr. 19 th 2:00pm ASL/AD Interpreted
		Apr. 22 nd 7:30pm	Apr. 23 rd 7:30 pm Talkback	Apr. 24 th 10:00am High School Matinee & 8:00pm	Apr. 25 th 8:00pm	

TICKETS: \$7 - \$15 and \$2 more at the door. U of M Arts Ticket Office 612.624.2345

Ticket Prices for *A Bright Room Called Day* (general admission seating)

	In Advance	At the Door
General Public	\$15	\$17
U of M Faculty/Staff	\$13	\$15
UMAA/Seniors	\$13	\$15
Student with ID	\$10	\$12
Theatre/Dance Major	\$7	\$9
Group Sales (15 or more)	\$10	

Tickets for *A Bright Room Called Day* can be reserved by calling the Northrop ticket line – 612.624.2345. For more information on *A Bright Room Called Day*, or to set up an interview with the director contact Jennie Germain, Communications Coordinator at germa052@umn.edu, 612.625.5380.

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