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### RLTP ANNOUNCES WORLD AND WNY PREMIERES WITH MOVE TO SIX PLAYS FOR 2010-2011 SEASON

*Broadway veteran Stephen McKinley Henderson to star in **Last Days of Judas Iscariot***

**BUFFALO, NY-** Road Less Traveled Productions (RLTP) has announced its 2010-2011 season and it will include two world premiere plays by female authors from Western New York, two regional premieres of new plays by major American playwrights, and a rare Shakespearean classic not seen produced professionally in Buffalo in at least 50 years.

The company also announced that its 2010-2011 season will return Broadway veteran Stephen McKinley Henderson to the Buffalo stage where he will reprise his Off-Broadway role in Stephen Adly Guirgis' ***The Last Days of Judas Iscariot***. Henderson is currently starring on Broadway opposite Denzel Washington and Viola Davis in August Wilson's ***Fences***.

"Stephen has been a key member of RLTP's Board of Directors and National Advisory Board for a long time now and we are so excited to finally be able to bring him to our stage," said Scott Behrend, Artistic Director for Road Less Traveled Productions. "The opportunity to have a theatre legend like Stephen tread the boards at RLTP is thrilling and to see him reprise his role as Pontius Pilate in this incredibly thought-provoking modern translation of the gospels will be an exhilarating experience."

The company will open the season with a play developed through the company's Emanuel Fried New Play Workshop. ***The Couple Next Door***, by Donna Hoke is a "swinging" sexy adult comedy that examines two pairs of suburban couples experimenting with "The Lifestyle." Behrend will direct.

Continuing with a theme of compromising positions, the second show of the season will be an adaptation of William Shakespeare's ***Antony & Cleopatra*** by RLTP Resident Playwright and Literary Director Jon Elston. This timeless story of a beloved public figure undone by a torrid affair with a passionate woman has not been presented on a Buffalo stage in the last 50 years. Dan Walker and Kelly Meg Brennan head the cast as the eponymous lovers; Behrend will direct.

The third show of the season will return RLTP's 2009 holiday hit, ***A Charlie Brown Christmas: The Music Of Vince Guaraldi*** for four weeks in November and December. The effervescent Bonnie Jean Taylor will again lead a cast of young people with a few new surprises. Doug Weyand will direct.

RLTP will ring-in 2011 with the world premiere of ***Bitch Bares All***, written by and starring RLTP Resident Actress Lisa Vitrano. This original one-woman show weaves theatre and poetry together into an autobiographical journey of self-discovery and motherhood. Kristen Tripp-Kelley will direct.

For year two of its three-year A.R. Gurney Retrospective, RLTP will stage the WNY premiere of the playwright's ***Screen Play***. This *Casablanca*-esque comedy finds WNY as the last stop for liberals fleeing a hyper conservative America and Nick's as the hottest nightclub in town where everyone stops before making a dash for freedom over the border. ***Screen Play*** will star Resident Actor Bob Grabowski, Bonnie Jean Taylor, and Jay Pichardo; Behrend will direct.

RLTP will close the 2010-2011 season with Henderson and ***The Last Days Of Judas Iscariot***. This controversial modern drama imagines the trial of history's most vilified traitor, Judas Iscariot, and features an ensemble cast that includes Jesus Christ, Mary Magdalene, Satan, Sigmund Freud, and Mother

Theresa. In addition to Henderson, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* will also star Lisa Vitrano and Rolando Gomez; Behrend will direct.

**2010-2011 Road Less Traveled Productions' Season Details:**

- **THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR:** September 10 – October 3, 2010
- **ANTONY & CLEOPATRA:** October 22 – November 14, 2010
- **A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS:** November 26 – September 27, 2010
- **BITCH BARES ALL:** January 28 – February 13, 2011
- **SCREEN PLAY:** March 4 – March 27, 2011
- **THE LAST DAYS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT:** April 22 – May 22, 2011

**Ticketing and Subscriptions:**

- Regular Subscription (6 plays): \$125
- Gala Subscription (6 plays plus one ticket to the 2011 Spring Gala): \$225
- Five Play Subscription (no Charlie Brown): \$110
- Flex Subscription (Pick any three plays): \$70

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***About Road Less Traveled Productions:***

*Road Less Traveled Productions (RLTP) is a professional theatre company founded by Scott Behrend and Jon Elston. RLTP is dedicated to the development and production of new theatrical works by Western New York playwrights, as well as presentations of esteemed modern dramas of outstanding literary merit. RLTP is located in the Market Arcade Film & Arts Center in the theater district of downtown Buffalo. For ticketing information visit [www.RoadLessTraveledProductions.org](http://www.RoadLessTraveledProductions.org) or call 1-800-745-3000.*

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