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LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS THE SECOND HIGH DEFINITION
SCREENING OF NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE'S
THIRD SEASON!

THE KITCHEN

*WRITTEN BY ARNOLD WESKER
DIRECTED BY BIJAN SHEIBANI
ONE SCREENING ONLY!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 7pm*

"Fabulous, fast-moving direction...With wit and energy it keeps you gasping!" - The Times

October 7, 2011...La Mirada, Calif...La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts presents the second High Definition screening of this season's National Theatre Live series, by presenting the naturalistic drama, **THE KITCHEN**, written by Arnold Wesker and directed by National Theatre's Associate Director Bijan Sheibani on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 7pm** at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada.

1950s London. In the kitchen of an enormous West End restaurant, the orders are piling up: a post-war feast of soup, fish, cutlets, omelettes and fruit flans. Thrown together by their work, chefs, waitresses and porters from across Europe – English, Irish, German, Jewish – argue and flirt as they race to keep up. Peter, a high-spirited young cook, seems to thrive on the pressure. In between preparing dishes, he manages to strike up an affair with married waitress Monique, the whole time dreaming of a better life. But in the all-consuming clamour of the kitchen, nothing is far from the brink of collapse.

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Arnold Wesker's extraordinary play premiered at the Royal Court in 1959 and has since been performed in over 30 countries. THE KITCHEN puts the workplace center stage in a blackly funny and furious examination of life lived at breakneck speed, when work threatens to define who we are.

Arnold Wesker's plays include *Chicken Soup with Barley, Love Letters on Blue Paper, Caritas, Chips with Everything, Roots, I'm Talking About Jerusalem, Their Very Own and Golden City, The Old Ones, Longitude, Denial and Break My Heart.*

Bijan Sheibani is an Associate Director at the NT, where his credits include *Our Class* and *Greenland*. He was formerly the Artistic Director of ATC for whom he directed co-productions of *The Brothers Size* and *Eurydice* with the Young Vic, and the Olivier Award-winning production of *Gone Too Far!* with the Royal Court.

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE performances are filmed live in high definition and broadcast via satellite to over 700 cinemas around the world, live in Europe and time delayed in the US and Canada, and delayed screenings in countries further afield. There are over 120 venues in the UK alongside venues in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Mexico, India, Scandinavia and Europe. The performances at the National are nominated in advance to allow cameras greater freedom in the auditorium.

THE KITCHEN screening runs 2 hours, 30 minutes including pre-show and interval.

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE is presented in partnership with Aviva.

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NT LIVE SEASON WILL ALSO INCLUDE:

COLLABORATORS – Friday, January 13, 2012 – 8pm

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS – Sunday, March 18, 2012 – 2pm

ABOUT TICKETS AND PRICING

Single tickets to this extraordinary event are \$20 and are available by calling the Box Office at 562-944-9801 or 714-994-6310 or online at www.lamiradatheatre.com. Student, Senior, Children and Group discounts are available.

LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue where the 91 and 5 freeways meet. Parking is free.

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THE KITCHEN pictures are also available to download from:

<http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/49673/press-packs-marketing-and-venue-resources/homepage-press-marketing-information-and-downloads.html>

(Enter email: ntlive@ntlive.com; password – download)

LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, now in its fourth decade, has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "...one of the best Broadway-style houses in Southern California." This beautiful state-of-the-art theatre has been producing quality productions for its Southern California audiences since 1977. The theatre has produced several national tours and is the recipient of many accolades including Ovation and Emmy Awards and Tony Award nominations. Brian Kite is the theatre's Producing Artistic Director. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue. Parking is theatre-adjacent and free. For further information 562-944-9801 or visit www.lamiradatheatre.com.