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## The City of Cambridge Officially Declares May 1<sup>st</sup> *Central Square Theater Day*

**CAMBRIDGE, April 10, 2007**—During the April 9<sup>th</sup> Cambridge City Council meeting, Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves and the City Council unanimously passed a Resolution declaring May 1<sup>st</sup> *Central Square Theater Day* to coincide with Central Square Theater's Ground Breaking Ceremony.

Mayor Reeves expressed his personal excitement over the Ground Breaking Celebrations and gratitude to all the individuals involved in making Central Square Theater a reality. City Council Member E. Denise Simmons also went on record stating her belief that the Theater would act as a cultural center for the community and contribute to the city's prosperity.

Play a part! Join us in celebrating *Central Square Theater Day*. The Ground Breaking Ceremony festivities start at **5:15 PM** and end at **7:30 PM**. All events are free and open to the public.

- ◆ **5:15 PM Ground Breaking Ceremony** at 450 Massachusetts Avenue with keynote speakers: Senator Jarrett T. Barrios, Carl F. Barron of CARU Associates, Steven C. Marsh of MIT Investment Management Company, Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, and State Representative Martha M. Walz.
- ◆ **5:45 PM Pomp & Circumstance:** A fun-filled community parade with puppets, music and friends will lead Ground Breakers to the reception.
- ◆ **6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Community Reception & Performances:** Toast the new Central Square Theater, enjoy food from local restaurants and catch a sneak-peak of the resident theaters' artistry on stage. Reception will be held at the Cambridge Family YMCA, Durrell Hall, 820 Massachusetts Avenue.

As the first permanent home for its professional resident theater companies, The Nora Theatre Company and Underground Railway Theater, Central Square Theater will feature a state-of-the-art 200 seat black box performance hall, a second stage intimate cabaret space (doubling as rehearsal space), a classroom, workshops, expansive theater lobby, and much more.

Central Square Theater will be a vibrant hub of theatrical, educational and social activity, where artists and audiences come together to create theater vital to the community. In addition, the theater will stimulate the local economy by attracting over 20,000 people annually to Cambridge to attend shows, take a child to a class, or participate in seminars and audience talk-back discussions.



With collaboration from MIT (owners and site developers) and technical help and support from the City of Cambridge, The Nora Theatre Company and Underground Railway Theater have successfully partnered to transform a long-vacant space into a new theater which will be a vital asset to the community. Central Square Theater anticipates the first production to be held in the winter of 2008.

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