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Lantern Theater Company Extends *New Jerusalem, The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656* by David Ives through September 30 – Four Performances Added

PHILADELPHIA – Lantern Theater Company announces a one-week extension of its successful remount of *New Jerusalem, The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656* by award-winning playwright **David Ives** and directed by Lantern Artistic Director **Charles McMahon**. Heralded as "an absorbing debate over big ideas" by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "a lively and inspiring debate" by *Philadelphia City Paper*, "an engaging courtroom drama full of complex philosophical ideas" by *Philadelphia Jewish Voice*, and "a first-rate production of a literate and often eloquent play" by *Broad Street Review*, *New Jerusalem* will now run **through September 30, 2012**. The following performances have been added:

Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m.

In *New Jerusalem*, a small Jewish community flees Portugal to find a tenuous peace in seemingly liberal Amsterdam. But Spinoza, a favorite son of the community and the rabbi's heir apparent, is a revolutionary thinker. When the boldness of his ideas strains the bounds of Amsterdam's professed tolerance, it leads to a dangerous confrontation between powerful political forces and his own beloved community. Well-liked, and considered to be a brilliant religious student, Spinoza is accused of atheism for his radical new ideas and risks excommunication from the Jewish faith, including complete social isolation.

Extension week tickets are \$30 – \$38 and are available online at lanterntheater.org or by calling the Lantern Box Office at **(215) 829-0395**. \$10 student rush tickets are available 10

minutes before curtain with valid ID; cash preferred. Additional discounts are available for seniors and groups of 10 or more. Lantern Theater Company is located at St. Stephen's Theater, 10th & Ludlow Streets in Center City Philadelphia.

The Lantern will present **Artistic Directors: In Conversation** on **Friday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.**, a free pre-show conversation in which the company's artistic team will explore themes raised in *New Jerusalem* as well as the work of **David Ives**. The conversation will be moderated by Lantern Associate Artistic Director **Kathryn MacMillan**, who will direct Ives' adaptation of Pierre Corneille's *The Liar*, on stage at the Lantern **November 1 – 25, 2012**.

***New Jerusalem, The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation:
Amsterdam, July 27, 1656***

By **David Ives**

Directed by **Charles McMahan**

Now through September 30, 2012

Cast (*in alphabetical order*)

David Bardeen as Rabbi Saul Levi Mortera

David Blatt as Gaspar Rodrigues Ben Israel

Jake Blouch as Simon de Vries

Sam Henderson as Baruch de Spinoza

Kittson O'Neill as Rebekah de Spinoza

Seth Reichgott as Abraham van Valkenburgh

Mary Tuomanen as Clara van den Eenden

Production Team

Meghan Jones, Production Manager

Nick Embree, Scenic Designer

Maggie Baker, Costume Designer

Shon Causer, Lighting Designer

Nick Rye, Sound Designer

Rebecca Smith, Stage Manager

M. Craig Getting, Assistant Director

2012/13 Season

Lantern Theater Company will continue its 2012/13 season with the Philadelphia premiere of the brilliantly funny *The Liar* by David Ives, adapted from the comedy by Pierre Corneille and directed by Kathryn MacMillan (November 1 – 25, 2012); *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, by Martin McDonagh and directed by Kathryn MacMillan (January 10 – February 3, 2013); William Shakespeare's *Henry V*, directed by Charles McMahan (March 14 – April 14, 2013); and closing with the Philadelphia premiere of *Heroes* by Tom Stoppard, adapted from the comedy by Gérald Sibleyras and directed by M. Craig Getting (May 16 – June 9, 2013).

Lantern Theater Company thanks its opening night sponsors at Square Peg and its community partners at St. Stephen's Church.

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