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Apple Tree Theatre moves to the Karger Center in Highland Park

August 11, 2006, Highland Park, IL: Apple Tree Theatre, preparing for its 24th season, has moved from the Shops on Elm Place in Highland Park to the Karger Center, less than two blocks away from the prior location—482 steps, to be precise.

While details of a permanent space are being finalized, renovations have already begun in this interim space at 1850 Green Bay Road. This intimate space will accommodate 97 patrons while bringing the audience even closer to the action, seating them on all four sides of the stage. Performances will sell out quickly in the smaller space, but Marketing Director Cheryle Caplinger feels that “intimacy, which has long been a characteristic of Apple Tree work, will be enhanced.”

The move to this interim location comes with cooperation from the City of Highland Park and the Apple Tree Theatre Board of Directors. The city has allowed use of the Karger Center for two years while Apple Tree plans for a new, permanent location. The Karger Center will solve the overcrowding problems of the Elm Street location which housed mainstage and Theatre for Young Audiences productions, as well as a wide variety of classes and other youth programming of the Eileen Boevers Performing Arts Workshop, the sponsoring organization of Apple Tree Theatre.

Due to the remodeling of the theatre that is currently underway, the season will start somewhat later than usual. The first play of the season will be opening in November. It will be *Mountain*, by Douglas Scott, directed by Mark Lococo. It cleverly depicts the life of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. This production runs from November 21 – December 17.

Playing from February 7 to March 4 is *The Gin Game* by Donald Coburn. A Pulitzer Prize winning play, this touching story explores the relationship between Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey, two old feisty friends. This poignant play is to be directed by Brian Russell.

Next is *Iron* by Rona Munro and directed by newly appointed Apple Tree Associate Producer Kurt Johns. This drama is set in a Scottish women’s prison and explores the relationship between a mother, a long-term prisoner, and her daughter, Josie. This play will be in performance from April 18 to May 13.

The fourth show of the season is the ribald comedy *Criminal Hearts* by Jane Martin. After a long divorce, Ata’s husband leaves her with nothing but a mattress, which leads to some unpredictable consequences! This modern comedy will play from June 20 to July 15 and will be directed by Ray Frewen.

The fifth show of the 2006-2007 season is still “To Be Announced.”

The Apple Tree Theatre welcomes all of Chicagoland to see its new space, and the exciting season planned for this year.
