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CHARTER PREMIERES "F. U." – A NEW DARK COMEDY ABOUT FACING UP TO LIFE'S FEARS AND ULTIMATELY GETTING SPANKED BY THEM

"F. U." is First of Two New Comedies Debuting This Spring at Charter

("F. U." is Short for "Forgive Us" – What Did You Think We Meant?)

ARLINGTON, VA, DECEMBER 19, 2007 – Charter Theatre, Washington's only theater devoted solely to the development and production of new plays, is debuting the first of two new comedies in its Spring 2008 season with the premiere of "F. U.," a dark new comedy by Charter Artistic Director Keith Bridges.

"F. U. – or, Forgive Us, What Did You Think We Meant?" is the story of Karl, a middle-aged man who's about to emotionally implode from the pressures of his rotten job, the day-to-day turmoil of his crappy marriage and the sheer weight of his weasely personality. He'll either be able to turn his life around by facing up to his fears or he won't – and the Fates are betting that he won't.

Associate Artistic Director Chris Stezin said, "'F. U.' is the perfect play to kick off our Spring 2008 season of comedies. 'F. U.' is a fun, new, dark comedy from our very own Keith Bridges, about facing up to your fears and ultimately getting spanked by them. It's also a fun play title to say. 'F. U.' 'F. U.' Say it."

The play is directed by Joe Banno and stars Allyson Currin, Ray Ficca, Sarah Melinda and Michael Skinner. The show runs Thursdays through Sundays at Theatre on the Run, 3700 Four Mile Run Drive in Arlington. Tickets are \$25 on Friday and Saturday nights, and \$20 at all other performances. All tickets are general admission. Tickets are available at www.chartertheatre.org or by calling the Charter box office at 202-333-2202.

Since its inception in 1998, Charter Theatre has produced 23 new plays..

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SUMMARY FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS

What:	"F.U., or Forgive Us" by Keith Bridges.
Where:	Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Arlington.
Press Night/Opening Night:	Friday, January 11.
Previews:	Wed.-Thurs., January 9-10.
Runs:	January 11 – February 2, 2008.
Show Times:	Thurs-Sat nights @ 8:00 p.m.; Sat & Sun matinees @ 3:00 p.m.
Tickets:	\$25 on Fri & Sat evenings; \$20 all other performances.

Publicity Photos Will be Available for Download at www.chartertheatre.org