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Mohonk Mountain Stage Company Presents

The Voyage of Mary C

a new play by Laurence Carr

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(Please note: A digital photograph of Mr. Carr is available on the MMSC web site

(<http://www.mmstageco.com/news/releases.html>) or by request.)

New Paltz, NY –The Readers Theatre Group of Mohonk Mountain Stage Company’ will present **The Voyage of Mary C**, a new play by Laurence Carr, on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at 8 PM at St. Andrew’s Church, 165 Main Street in New Paltz. Admission is \$10. For reservations, call MMSC’s offices at (845) 255-3102.

The Voyage of Mary C is a drama, a romance, a ghost story and an exorcism. It is a romantic ghost tale that deals with the strongly rooted Mary, an early 20th century “spirit” living in an old house in Cornwall, CT. She is visited by a male spirit whose task it is to exorcise her from the house and release her from her earthly bonds. This task proves harder than he first supposes as the two spirits battle over what life, love and death mean to each of them. Reading the title role of Mary C will be MMSC veteran Ann Citron. Playing opposite Ms. Citron will be another long-time MMSC favorite Sean Marrinan. Laurence Carr directs.

Laurence Carr wears many hats for and with MMSC: actor, Playwright-in-Residence and Dramaturg, as well as serving as head of the Dramatic Writing Program for the State University of New York at New Paltz. Carr’s plays and theatre pieces have been produced in NYC and throughout the US for nearly thirty years. His play, Vaudeville, recently opened the season at Virginia Stage Company and continues to be produced regionally. Kennedy At Colonius was produced Off-Broadway and was cited in the Burns Mantle Best Play Series. A short play, Baklava, was commissioned by Airworks for National Public Radio. Mr. Carr has taught dramatic and creative writing at the State University of New York at New Paltz since 1995. A member of the Dramatists Guild since 1975, he has received playwriting grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the NY State Council on the Arts.

Mohonk Mountain Stage Company is an independent theater company that has been operating in the Hudson Valley since 1994. MMSC celebrates ideas, imagination and ingenuity through its award-winning Readers Theatre Group and Theatre For Young Audiences, a semi-annual literary journal and an annual theatre scholarship award. They have garnered numerous awards from The Taconic Newspapers and Times Herald Record including Best Theatrical Event of the Year, Best Play and Best Actor. Their Theatre for Young Audiences productions such as **Brave Little Tailor**, **The Jungle Book** and **The Frog Prince** have toured nationally, performing in schools, theaters, and civic centers. Sponsors include both the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. and Brooklyn Academy of Music as well as local and regional schools.

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