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**Challenged Again!**

**Mohonk Mountain Stage Company presents**

**COLD BUFFET III - MMSC'S AUDIENCE**

**AND ACTOR CHALLENGE**

**on Saturday, April 8, 2006**

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*(Please note: Digital headshots MMSC actors are available on the MMSC web site or by request.)*

New Paltz, NY – Since the response to the first two MMSC “challenges” in ’03 and ’04 were so enthusiastic and audiences have requested a “rematch,” Mohonk Mountain Stage Company will present **COLD BUFFET III: MMSC’s Audience and Actor Challenge Night**, on Saturday, April 8 at 8 PM at St. Andrew’s Church on Main Street in New Paltz. Admission is \$10. For reservations, please call 255-3102.

**COLD BUFFET III** is Mohonk Mountain Stage Company’s feast-for-the-ears combination of “Whose Line Is It Anyway,” “Antiques Roadshow” and “Fear Factor” Based on the well-known “Actor’s Nightmare,” where an actor is thrust out on the stage without knowing what play he or she is in, **COLD BUFFET III** challenges its finest, fearless readers to interpret “cold” readings provided by the audience, with no time to look over the text ahead of time. The motto for the evening is: you bring it, we’ll read it!

Audience members are invited to bring with them their favorite selections --whether poetry or prose, rib-tickling or heart-breaking, technical text or tongue-twisting tales. The actors will be handed their readings just before they are to be performed, and the fun begins! There are a few restrictions: no individual piece can take longer than 5 minutes to read, and no pieces in foreign or made-up languages. If selections involve more than one reader, audience members are encouraged to bring multiple copies of the text.

Favorite moments from the first two **COLD BUFFETS** included Bruce Pileggi and Richard Cattabiani reading Abbott and Costello’s famous “Who’s On First?,” Ron Schade giving a dramatic reading of “Persistent Coughing” from the Home Medical Encyclopedia, and Don Wildy tripping through the twisted text of *Fox In Socks*.

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Readers volunteering to be “served up” at **COLD BUFFET III** include: Barbara Adams, Guy Anthony, Elizabeth Barrows, Laurence Carr, Kathleen Crampton, Christine Crawfis, John Lefever, Rick Meyer, RoseMarie Navarra, Bill Peckham, Bruce Pileggi, Barbara McMahon Scanlan, Don Wildy and Douglas Woolley.

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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