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Mohonk Mountain Stage Company Presents

The Fish Are Laughing..and Other Words By Will Nixon
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*(Please note: A digital photograph of Mr. Nixon 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 Fish Are Laughing...and Other Words By Will Nixon**, on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 8 PM at The Cheese Plate at Water Street Market, 10 Main Street in New Paltz. Admission is \$10 and includes a complimentary cheese tasting. For reservations, call MMSC’s offices at (845) 255-3102.

Will Nixon’s poem *My Late Mother As A Ruffed Grouse* was the Second Place winner in MMSC’s **2004 Vanguard Voices of the Hudson Valley Poetry Contest**. This evening’s program title comes from Will’s book by the same name, **The Fish Are Laughing**, winner of the Pavement Saw Press Chapbook Award 2000-01.

“This collection ... celebrates the beauty of the Catskill Mountain region beloved by its author, as usual, with a dose of politics sprinkled over the terrain. ... A painstaking yet whimsical record of personal landscapes that border rural environs threatened by our human intentions, *The Fish Are Laughing* doesn’t ‘pretend to paint the sacred,’ though offering a hopeful vision in the midst of waving of in the turkey vultures to polish off the remains.” Pauline Uchmanowicz

Members of the MMSC Readers Theatre Group will be reading from Will’s prose as well as his poetry. In honor of The Cheese Plate location, Will’s poem *Say Cheese* will be included in addition to *The Suicide Mouse*, a whimsical piece by Will about sharing his cabin with a wild “pet”.

Will Nixon has published two chapbooks, **When I Had It Made** (Pudding House Press) and **The Fish Are Laughing** (Pavement Saw Press). Locally, his poems have appeared in *Chronogram*, *The Country & Abroad*, *Prima Materia* and *Hunger*. His personal essays about the Catskills are at www.mycabinfever.com. He lives in Woodstock, N.Y.

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-win-

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ning 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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