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“Adopt A Sailor” desert premier at UCR Palm Desert on Saturday, May 13

PALM DESERT, Calif. - (www.palmdesert.ucr.edu) – A staged reading of “Adopt A Sailor,” a new play by award-winning playwright Charles Evered about the sacrifices made by service men and women, will be presented at UCR Palm Desert on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 5 p.m.

This powerful and funny play tells the story of a sophisticated couple from New York City’s Upper West Side who forget they’ve volunteered to “adopt” a sailor for dinner during Fleet Week.

Professor Eric Barr, chairman of UCR’s Theatre Program, will direct the reading, which stars Wendy Rolfe Evered, (*Ashes, Just Shoot Me*), Joshua Fardon, (*West Wing, Frasier*) and Greg Spradlin, (UCR Theatre program.)

The play’s author, Charles Evered, is a visiting professor in UCR Palm Desert’s Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts program. He is an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve who has written screenplays for Dreamworks, Paramount and Universal Pictures. In addition, he has published and produced several plays and just recently sold a pilot to NBC called “Reserve Center.”

“Adopt a Sailor” started life in 2002 as a 10-minute play that was part of The Brave New World showcase to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center at New York City’s famed Town Hall. The star-studded, rotating cast included Amy Irving, Bebe Neuwirth, Sam Waterston, Neil Patrick Harris, Liev Schreiber and Eli Wallach. Other actors who have gone on to do public readings of the play include Matthew Modine and Luke Perry.

In its full-length version Evered shifted the focus of the play from the 9-11 attacks themselves to a more universal theme about the sacrifices made by the men and women in the armed forces. The play will have its premiere staging at The Penguin Repertory Company in upstate New York in September.

Seating for the UCR Palm Desert performance is limited and reservations are encouraged. For more information call (760) 834-0597 or go to www.palmdesert.ucr.edu

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