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Marin Theatre Company celebrates its 40th season!

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OLYMPIA DUKAKIS TO DIRECT FIRST OF MARIN THEATRE COMPANY'S NU WERKZ OFFERINGS

MILL VALLEY, CA - Marin Theatre Company has announced that Olympia Dukakis, Oscar-Winning Actor and Award-Winning Director, will choose the script and direct the first Nu Werkz Series reading of MTC's 40th Anniversary Season. Ms. Dukakis will oversee the staged-reading on October 22 and 23, 2006 in MTC's 100-seat studio theatre. Showtime for both evenings is 7:30 pm. Each reading is FREE to the public with a suggested donation of \$10. Tickets are required for the readings and are available from the MTC Box Office, 415-388-5208, beginning Tuesday, July 18th.

MTC's Nu Werkz Series is entering its third year of staged readings of new works by emerging playwrights. The Series is intended to introduce works from writers across the country, exploring and revealing new and important voices from the American Theatre Scene. Playwrights are flown in to workshop their plays with leading local actors and directors (in this case Olympia Dukakis). A response Q&A/talk-back session with the director, playwright and actors follows each performance.

"MTC is extremely proud to have Olympia Dukakis at the helm of our first staged-reading of the new season," said Gabriella Calicchio, Managing Director. "Olympia invariably lends a touch of class to whatever project she touches and we look forward to her involvement in bringing new voices to the Bay Area stage."

Dukakis is the recipient of a multitude of awards, including a New York Film Critics Award and an Academy Award in the Best Supporting Actress category for *Moonstruck*. To Bay Area audiences, one of her most remembered roles was that of Annie Madrigal in the PBS adaptation of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City*. The bulk of Dukakis' 40-year career, however, has been on the stage as an actress and director, having appeared in over 100 plays. She was a founding member and Producing Artistic Director of the Whole Theatre in Montclair, New Jersey, where she directed and appeared in a multitude of productions during her 19-year rein. Dukakis taught Acting at the Graduate level at New York University for fifteen years and continues to teach master classes at various universities and colleges throughout the country. Dukakis lives in New York City with her husband, actor Louis Zorich. They have three children.

For tickets to the directorial debut of Olympia Dukakis at MTC on October 22 and 23, please call the box office at 415.388.5208 on or after July 18.

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