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**Symphony Space's Selected Shorts "Wishes and Dreams" Stories  
by Louise Erdrich, Robert Coover, and Maile Meloy  
Performed by Kate Burton, Jane Curtin, and Campbell Scott**

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Symphony Space's Selected Shorts: "Wishes and Dreams" on Saturday, July 19 at 8:00pm. Stage and screen stars Kate Burton, Jane Curtin, and Campbell Scott will perform comic, romantic, and magical short stories about love and obstacles and getting what you wish for, by Louise Erdrich, Robert Coover, and Maile Meloy at this taping for the hit public radio series. Note: Actress Parker Posey, who was previously announced to participate in this event, had to withdraw due to a schedule conflict.

"It will be a treat to see these three brilliant actors share such moving short stories in the intimacy of the Mahaiwe setting," said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. "This is the 7th time Selected Shorts has performed at the Mahaiwe and we're thrilled to be the company's home away from home in the Berkshires."

Selected Shorts is a weekly public radio show broadcast on over 130 stations. It is produced by Symphony Space and WNYC Radio and distributed by Public Radio International. In addition, Selected Shorts podcasts consistently rank as one of the most popular podcasts on iTunes, with over 300,000 people downloading each episode. There is a theme to each Selected Shorts episode and performance. Several stories are presented around each theme. The stories are always fiction, sometimes classic, sometimes new, performed by accomplished actors from stage, screen, and television.

Kate Burton was nominated for Tony Awards for her work in *Hedda Gabler*, *The Elephant Man*, and *The Constant Wife*. Her Off Broadway work includes five seasons at Boston's Huntington Theatre Company and 20 seasons at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. Her recent film work includes *127 Hours* and *Liberal Arts* and she has appeared on television in *Grey's Anatomy*, *Veep*, *The Good Wife*, and *Scandal*.

Jane Curtin has appeared on Broadway in *Noises Off*, Shaw's *Candida*, and *Our Town*. She starred in the television series *3rd Rock From the Sun*, and won Emmy Awards in 1984 and 1985 for her role in the television comedy series *Kate and Allie*. She currently appears in the CBS series *Unforgettable*.

Campbell Scott appeared in the films *Singles*, *The Secret Lives of Dentists*, and the recently released *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*. He co-directed the film *Big Night*, with Stanley Tucci, which received the New York Films Critics Circle Award for Best First Film. He currently appears on television in *Royal Pains*.

Robert Coover has published fourteen novels, three short story collections, and a collection of plays since his debut, *The Origin of the Brunists*, received the William Faulkner Foundation First Novel Award in 1966.

Louise Erdrich is the author of twelve novels as well as volumes of poetry, children's books, and a memoir of early motherhood. Her debut novel, *Love Medicine*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her most recent novel, *The Plague of Doves*, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Maile Meloy is the author of the story collection *Half in Love* and the novel *Liars and Saints*, which was shortlisted for the 2005 Orange Prize. Meloy's stories have been published in *The New Yorker*, and she has received *The Paris Review's* Aga Khan Prize for Fiction, the PEN/Malamud Award, the Rosenthal Foundation Award, and a

Guggenheim Fellowship.

Tickets are \$25 to \$50 (the latter includes preferred seating and post-performance reception with the artists). The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. A limited number of \$15 tickets are available for patrons ages 30 and younger through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program, sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union. For tickets and information, see [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org) or call 413.528.0100.

### **About the Mahaiwe**

Located in downtown Great Barrington, Massachusetts, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center is the year-round presenter of world-class music, dance, theater, classic films, “Live in HD” broadcasts, and arts education programs for the southern Berkshires and neighboring regions. The intimate jewel box of a theater opened in 1905 and has been in continuous operation for over 100 years. In 2005, the theater experienced a renaissance as a beautifully restored 681-seat venue to offer a broad range of cultural and community events. Today’s “Mahaiwe Mix” of diverse, high quality programming strives to provide meaningful, memorable entertainment for all ages and interests.

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