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KPCC'S STEVE JULIAN LEADS CAST FOR REGION-WIDE WORLD PREMIERE PLAY READING SERIES

WICKED LIT PLAY READING SERIES FEATURES THREE CLASSIC HORROR STORIES:

PIGEONS FROM HELL, BY ROBERT E. HOWARD
A GHOST STORY, BY MARK TWAIN
THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER, BY EDGAR ALLAN POE

GLENDALE, CA (October 6, 2009) – The Nom de Guerre Theatre Guild (Paul Millet, Artistic Director) announced the cast for the *2009 Wicked Literature Play Reading Series*. The cast of veteran Los Angeles actors is lead by award-winning radio personality and KPCC Morning Edition host Steve Julian, a veteran stage actor and playwright.

“We are thrilled to have Steve involved with the project,” says Jonathan Josephson, playwright and co-producer of Wicked Lit. “I have had the pleasure of knowing Steve for several years, and of course have admired his work on the radio for quite some time. His dynamic voice and dedication to the theatre are wonderful assets to this reading series.”

The entire cast includes Clarissa Barton, Kevin Johnston, Micah Jaye, Steve Julian, Anna Klein Hamaguchi, Maria Lee, Dan Lippert, Tanya Mirannowski, Michael Pritchard, Donnell Safford, and Jenny Vaughn Hall.

The *2009 Wicked Literature Play Reading Series* will be directed by Naisa Wong, an independent producer, director, and dramaturg who has worked at theatres such as Pasadena Playhouse and Lincoln Center and on film and television projects with Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros.

“The play reading series is an important part of Wicked Lit’s mission.” says Nom de Guerre Artistic Director Paul Millet, “Our goal is to develop new work and expose new audiences to classic, gothic literature. The reading series does both in an entertaining and exciting way.”

Upcoming highlights for the 2009 Reading Series include a return engagement at Pasadena Playhouse during the Pasadena ArtWalk on October 10 and a special presentation at The Chance Theater in Anaheim Hills on October 13. All readings are free to attend.

The plays included in the *2009 Wicked Literature Play Reading Series* are:
The Fall of the House of Usher by Edgar Allan Poe, adapted by Paul Millet

Pigeons from Hell by Robert E. Howard, adapted by Jeff G. Rack
A Ghost Story by Mark Twain, adapted by Jonathan Josephson
Reservations for the play readings are not required, but are encouraged.
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In addition to the play reading series, *Wicked Lit's* first full production will open at Greystone Mansion in Beverly Hills on October 27 as a co-production between Nom de Guerre and Theatre 40, in association with the City of Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Division. Tickets to the full production cost \$45 and are extremely limited. For reservations, call 818-242-7910. For more information on both the full production and the reading series, go to www.wickedlit.org.

For information on the festival or a bio for Steve Julian, please contact Paul Millet at paul@wickedlit.org.

The remaining performances of the *2009 Wicked Lit Play Reading Series* include the following:

Pasadena Playhouse (as part of ArtWalk) ~ Saturday, October 10th
(11am-5pm ~ Six performances total)
39 S. El Molino Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91110

The Chance Theater ~ Tuesday, October 13th at 8pm
5552 E La Palma Ave
Anaheim, CA 92807

Barnes & Noble Booksellers at The Americana at Brand*
Saturday, October 17th (6pm-8pm ~ Three performances total)
210 Americana Way
Glendale, CA 91210

* Mention *Wicked Lit* at the register and a percentage of all sales will be donated to Wicked Lit.

The Mystery & Imagination Bookstore ~ Saturday, October 24th at 7pm
238 N. Brand Blvd
Glendale, CA 91203

Clark Magnet High School ~ Wednesday, October 28th
(Two Student Readings ~ 8:10am & 10:00am)
4747 New York Ave
La Crescenta, Ca. 91214

Clark Magnet High School ~ Thursday, October 29th
(Two Student Readings ~ 8:10am & 1:40pm)
4747 New York Ave
La Crescenta, Ca. 91214

Crowell Library ~ Thursday, October 29th at 7pm
1890 Huntington Dr.
San Marino, CA 91108

High Street Arts Center ~ Saturday, October 31st at 2pm
45 E. High Street

Moorpark CA 93021

Pasadena Playhouse ~ Saturday, October 31st at 6pm

39 S. El Molino Ave.

Pasadena, CA 9110

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