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### Wellman Confirmed for Great Plains Theatre Conference

(Omaha, Neb.) – The Great Plains Theatre Conference announces the confirmation of award-winning writer and professor of playwriting Mac Wellman as a featured artist for the 2009 Great Plains Theatre Conference at Metropolitan Community College's Fort Omaha Campus in Omaha, Neb. A popular guest artist in 2007, this will be Wellman's second appearance at the Conference. This year's Conference will honor 2003 Pulitzer Prize runner up, playwright Theresa Rebeck.

During the Conference which will be held May 23-30, Wellman will serve as a panelist for the Mainstage Series, and introduce a reading of his work with a talk back following the evening performance Monday, May 25.

Wellman's recent plays include *Bitter Bierce* (PS 122), *Jennie Richee* (with Ridge Theatre at The Arts at St. Ann), *Anything's Dream* (Mulhenberg College) and *Antigone* (with Big Dance Company at Dance Theatre Workshop). His published works include the novels *The Fortuneteller* and *Annie Salem*, the books of poems *A Shelf in Woop's Clothing and Miniature*, the anthology of plays (co-edited with Douglas Messerli) *From the Other Side of the Century II* and the plays *The Land Beyond the Forest* and *Crowtet 1 and 2*. Wellman received the National Endowment for the Arts, New York Foundation for the Arts, Rockefeller, McNight and Guggenheim fellowships. He has won three OBIE awards (two for Best American Play and one for Lifetime Achievement) and a Lila Wallace-Readers' Digest Writers Award.

The Great Plains Theatre Conference seeks to foster educational opportunities for developing playwrights and actors by bringing theatre to new audiences and stimulating the appreciation and preservation of the theatre arts in our culture. More information about the Conference and a detailed biography of Wellman and other featured artists can be found at [www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference](http://www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference).



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