Monterey Institute To Host Reading of Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Richard Rhodes’ New Play Reykjavik

Event To Help Commemorate 20th Anniversary of Center for Nonproliferation Studies

Monterey, CA – At a Reykjavik, Iceland summit meeting in 1986, American and Soviet leaders Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev came within hours of concluding an agreement aimed at eliminating the threat of nuclear weapons for all time.

Three years later, a research center with similar objectives – the Center for Nonproliferation Studies – was founded at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. This Saturday, these two threads of history will intersect once more, as the organization now known as the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) celebrates its 20th anniversary with a reading of Reykjavik, a new play by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Rhodes that highlights the drama of the moment in 1986 when the era’s two superpowers nearly agreed to eliminate their entire nuclear arsenals. The reading will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5 in the Irvine Auditorium in the Mc Cone Building at 499 Pierce Street in Monterey.

The largest research center in the world dedicated to combating the spread of weapons of mass destruction, CNS works to train the next generation of nonproliferation specialists while disseminating timely information and analysis. Dr. William Potter established the Center in 1989 with a handful of Institute students. Today, CNS has a full-time staff of more than 40 nonproliferation specialists and more than 50 graduate student research assistants located in offices in Monterey, Washington, DC and Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Other events recognizing the Center’s 20th anniversary will include a two-day conference December 3-4 and a gala dinner celebration on December 5. In June 2010, the Center’s Washington office will hold additional commemorative events.

The December 5 reading of Reykjavik is free and open to the public; seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at 831.647.4154.

What: Staged reading of Reykjavik, a new play by Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Rhodes
When: Saturday, December 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Irvine Auditorium
McCone Building
499 Pierce Street
Monterey, CA 93940

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