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***Mohonk Mountain Stage Company Presents
The Ordinary Living:
The Work of Barbara Block Adams
on October 2, 2004***

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New Paltz, NY –Mohonk Mountain Stage Company' will present **The Ordinary Living: An Evening of the Work of Barbara Block Adams** on Saturday, October 2nd at 8 PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 163 Main Street in New Paltz. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations may be made by calling MMSC's offices at (845) 255-3102.

The publication of *The Ordinary Living*, Adams' most recent collection of poems, gives MMSC an opportunity to devote an entire evening to the work of Newburgh writer, Barbara Block Adams: poetry, stories and essays published in magazines and anthologies since 1972. This program will evoke Adams' vivid voice and extensive range. Adams' writing arises from the "ordinary" events in a woman's life: love, marriage, parents, children, loss, work, joy, death, sexuality - the hallmarks of an identity that give life meaning. Through her work, Adams' persona struggles with an Irish-Jewish heritage, career v. family, selfishness and love's compromises and she frequently articulates the often unspoken feelings of many who are engaged in similar struggles.

In 1999 MMSC presented the premiere of Adams' one-act play, **God's Lioness and the Crow: Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes**, and her numerous other creations for MMSC include an evening of Pulitzer Prize-winning poets. She is also the creator of another of MMSC Tenth Anniversary Season programs: **The Poetry of War**. Ms. Adams received her Ph.D. from NYU and she recently retired as Professor of English at Pace University in order to write full-time. She was the judge in this year's Vanguard Voices of the Hudson Valley poetry contest for MMSC.

Mohonk Mountain Stage Company is an independent theater company that has been operating in the Hudson Valley since 1995. MMSC has produced lauded hits, such as: **Copenhagen, Sylvia, Art, Molly Sweeney, Long Day's Journey Into Night, Dinner With Friends, Taking Sides, The Laramie Project** and **Alfred Stieglitz Loves O'Keeffe**. It has garnered numerous awards from The Taconic Newspapers and Times Herald-Record, including Best Theatrical Event of the Year, Best Play and Best Actor. MMSC's Theatre for Young Audiences productions, including **Brave Little Tailor, The Jungle Book** and **The Frog Prince**, have toured nationally, performing in schools, theaters, and civic centers. Sponsors included both the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. and Brooklyn Academy of Music in Brooklyn, NY, as well as local and regional elementary schools.

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