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### **AWARD-WINNING RADIO PROGRAM COMES TO UM FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE**

#### **MISSOULA-**

The award-winning radio program of short fiction, "Selected Shorts -- A Celebration of Short Story," comes to The University of Montana for a live performance Thursday, Sept. 30. The show, which serves as the kickoff event for the 2004 Montana Festival of the Book, begins at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Host Isaiah Sheffer will be joined by noted actors Ted Marcoux and Roxanne Hart. Marcoux will read "Fires" by author Rick Bass, Hart will read "Ranch Girl" by Maile Meloy and Sheffer will read "The Trickle Down Effect" by Annie Proulx. "Selected Shorts" producers chose these stories and authors for this show because they have strong Montana ties.

This year is special for both the Montana Festival of the Book and "Selected Shorts." This is the fifth year Montanans will celebrate the written word at the Montana Festival of the Book, which is scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Missoula. "Selected Shorts" also will celebrate an anniversary this year -- it has been on the air for 20 years, and Montana listeners have heard every program on Montana Public Radio. The show, which features readings of classic and new short fiction by great stage, screen and television actors, currently airs at 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday. It is recorded live at New York's Symphony Space.

Reserved seating tickets for the Missoula performance cost \$17. Preferred seating,

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along with admittance to an on-stage dessert and wine reception with the cast and MPR radio hosts after the show, is available for \$60 per person. Tickets are available by calling (888) MONTANA, visiting <http://www.griztix.com> or at any GrizTix location.

UM students with Griz Cards can buy tickets for \$10 at the Adams Center Box Office.

Visit <http://www.mtpr.org> or <http://www.bookfest-mt.org> for more information.

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