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Mondavi Center's Season of Shakespeare Continues with the Smash Hit "MacHomer"

Davis, Calif.—The Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis, brings WYRD Productions' "MacHomer" to **Jackson Hall** on **Thursday, Dec. 11,** at **8 p.m.** This side-splitting, inspired one-man show starring **Rick Miller** transplants Shakespeare to Springfield, home of America's favorite dysfunctional family, **the Simpsons.** With Homer in the lead and Marge as Lady MacHomer, Miller recreates the voices of more than 50 "Simpsons" characters to tell this timeless tale.

"MacHomer" is preceded by a **Pre-performance Lecture** at **7 p.m.** with **Fran Dolan,** professor of English at UC Davis, and a **Post-Performance Q&A** with **Karma Waltonen** of the University Writing Program at UC Davis.

Pricing is \$45/35/25 for regular tickets and \$22.50/17.50/12.50 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at MondaviArts.org, through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center's **Season of Shakespeare Series.**

"When we last saw 'MacBeth' here at the Mondavi Center, his story had been reset to medieval Japan in the Akira Kurosawa film 'Throne of Blood.' Now it's been reset to Springfield, providing an interesting intersection between fans of Shakespeare and fans of 'The Simpsons,'" said **Don Roth,** Mondavi Center executive director.

Featuring spot-on impressions of characters from "The Simpsons," "MacHomer" gives Shakespeare's tragedy a multimedia update truly "full of sound and fury." WYRD Productions and Rick Miller have brought this imaginatively staged, highly praised performance to capacity crowds across the U.S. and Canada. The show has also toured the world to rave reviews and awards in Scotland, England, Australia and New Zealand.

"Terrific! It`s intelligent, often hilariously funny, and it works like gangbusters ... the laughs are continuous." ("Los Angeles Times")

"A breakneck one-man tour de force ... Macbeth has never been so funny!" ("London Sunday Mail")

"[Rick Miller] is a comic juggernaut –Robin Williams with edge, or Jim Carrey with taste—who carries the show to triumph. It`s truly awesome. A One-Man Comic Tour-de-Force." ("The Toronto Star")

With a script that remains 85 percent Shakespeare, "MacHomer" is that rare jewel: an educational and entertaining show for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. For more info on "MacHomer" and WYRD Productions, visit machomer.com.

- "MacHomer"
- **Thu. Dec. 11, 8 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$45/35/25 regular; \$22.50/17.50/12.50 students, children**
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