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OVER THE POND TO POUGHKEEPSIE PRESENTS
LETTICE AND LOVAGE by PETER SHAFFER
AT NEW MID HUDSON HERITAGE CENTER

The Over The Pond to Poughkeepsie Ensemble will present a staged reading of *Lettice and Lovage* on Sunday, February 27 at 3pm at the new Mid Hudson Heritage Center, 317 Main St., Poughkeepsie. The event marks another in a series of performances by the Hudson Valley-based professional theatrical company, all of which have benefited the restoration of Maple Grove, an historic 19th-century home on Poughkeepsie's South Side. The suggested donation is \$10; at each performance, donations to help restore the site are encouraged.

Lettice and Lovage premiered in London in 1987 and was on Broadway in 1990; both productions starred Dame Maggie Smith. It's the story of a docent at a historic house who lets her creativity run wild...with surprising consequences.

The Over The Pond to Poughkeepsie cast includes Nancy Auffarth (Broadway and National Tours of *Annie*, *On the Twentieth Century*, *Barnum*; River Valley Rep at Marist College), Linda Roper (Stageworks-Hudson and other Hudson Valley venues), and Chuck Muckle (*Wuthering Heights*, NYC; National Tours of *Camelot* {post-Broadway}, *Joseph...Dreamcoat* and *South Pacific*). Direction is by Lou Miressi.

Maple Grove is on the National Register of Historic Places and is located at 24 Beechwood Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The mansion was built in 1850, and reconstruction and renovation efforts are under way. For more information about Maple Grove, visit www.maplegroveny.org.