

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Media Relations Contacts:**

**Larry Stockman**, MIE Director, (660) 831-4141, [stockman@moval.edu](mailto:stockman@moval.edu)

**Chad Jaecques**, MVC P.R., (660) 831-4172, [jaecquesc@moval.edu](mailto:jaecquesc@moval.edu)

**PLAYWRIGHT AND SCREENWRITER JIM HENRY ADDED TO 2010 SPEAKER LIST FOR MVC  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP INSTITUTE**

*Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship set for April 19-21 on the MVC campus in Marshall, Mo.*

**Marshall, Mo.** (March 15, 2010)—Larry Stockman, director of the Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship (MIE) at Missouri Valley College, has announced that playwright and screenwriter Jim Henry has been added to the speaker list. The Institute is set for April 19-21 on the MVC campus.

Henry is an actor and writer in the Chicagoland area and a resident playwright at Chicago Dramatists and Chicago Street Theatre. His first play, *The Angels of Lemnos*, was recently produced at MVC under the direction of Wade Hughes, MVC associate professor of theatre. The play has been produced throughout the U.S. and in Australia.

*Angels* world premiered at Chicago Dramatists, and won Chicago's *Joseph Jefferson Award* for Best New Work. The play ran for five months in Los Angeles receiving an *L.A. Times Critic's Choice*, rave reviews from *Variety*, and a *Robby Award* for Best New Play.

*The Seventh Monarch*, Henry's follow-up play, is the winner of three playwriting awards: *Plays for the 21st Century* (Dallas, Texas), *DramaRama 2000* (San Francisco, Calif.), and *The Panowski Award* (Marquette, Mich.). Henry's most recent play, *Backwards in High Heels*, received its World Premier in L.A. to rave reviews. Henry's other plays include *Busting the Fence*, *Mairzy Doats*, *Jellofish*, and *A Worthy Choice*.

Henry's screenwriting credits include *Young Again*, *Moon Shadows*, *The Seventh Monarch*, *Brothers of the Phin*, *Illigal Aliens*, and *The Angels of Lemnos*. *Moon Shadows* was a winner in the Final Draft Screenplay Competition. *The Angels of Lemnos* won third place at the *Hollywood Film Festival* and was a finalist in the *Sundance Feature Film Project* two years in a row.

Henry has optioned two screenplays with Producer Ian Bryce (*Transformers I & II*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Spiderman*, *Almost Famous*).

"We strive to provide a diverse group of entrepreneurs at the Maastricht Institute, and Jim is a wonderful addition to the 2010 speaker list," said MIE Director Larry Stockman. "His expertise will provide our students and attendees a very unique perspective in the entrepreneur field. We're pleased to welcome Jim back to campus."

**Dr. Benoit Wesly**, chairman and C.E.O. of the Xelat Group in Maastricht, Netherlands and noted Dutch international business entrepreneur, will deliver the keynote address.

Other speakers include: **Brent Bahler '75**, president of Bahler Communications, Alexandria, Va.; **Wynand E.J. Bodewes**, lecturer of entrepreneurship at Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands; **Robert Dresen**, owner of M5-Solutions, Maastricht, the Netherlands; **Robert Dunham**, founder of the Institute for Generative Leadership, Colorado; **C.A. van den Ende**, founder of SoapBox and Founder of

Sportacus, Maastricht, the Netherlands; **Jasmine Grimm '04**, editor-in-chief of *Connections* on-line magazine, Lancaster, Pa.; **E.J. Narcise '81**, CEO of Team Services, LLC, Glenwood, Md.; **Bill Rasmussen**, ESPN and College Fanz founder, Grand Island, Neb.; **Jay Sebben**, principal at Fultonbridge Partners, LLC, Chicago, Ill; and keynote speaker **Dr. Benoit Wesly**, chairman and C.E.O. of the Xelat Group in Maastricht, Netherlands and noted Dutch international business entrepreneur, will deliver the keynote address.

The *Maastricht Institute* is named after the city of Maastricht, Netherlands, and is an outgrowth of experiences and friendships among residents of Maastricht and several cities in the United States.

The goal of the *Maastricht Institute of Entrepreneurship* is to foster an atmosphere of receptiveness and creativity toward comparative entrepreneurial processes. The *Institute* compares and contrasts the entrepreneurial business environment within the United States with that of the other countries highlighting domestic and international philosophies. It will examine different practices and fields to create a climate of creativity relative to entrepreneurial projects.

The *Institute's* format includes lectures, seminars, and round-table discussions.

For complete speaker bios, visit [www.moval.edu/academics](http://www.moval.edu/academics) and click the "Maastricht Institute" link.

For registration or more information, contact Institute Director Larry Stockman at 660-831-4141 or [stockmanl@moval.edu](mailto:stockmanl@moval.edu). The cost of the *Institute* is \$50 for one day or \$100 for 3 days. The cost also includes lunch each day.

**\*\*Photo available upon request.**

#### **ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE**

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit [www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu).

--30--

#### **Media Relations Contacts:**

**Larry Stockman**, MIE Director, (660) 831-4141, [stockman@moval.edu](mailto:stockman@moval.edu)

**Chad Jaecques**, MVC P.R., (660) 831-4172, [jaecquesc@moval.edu](mailto:jaecquesc@moval.edu)