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OPEN EYE THEATER AIRS PLAY FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES ON WIOX

“Jesse and Grace: A Best Friends Story” a radio play for young audiences by Sandy Asher and David L. Harrison. will air on “The Open Eye Theater Playtime” on WIOX Radio in the Catskills 91.3 FM, Tuesday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. ET. Children in grades 2-5 and their families will especially appreciate this play about two children who have been friends since birth, almost 10 years. It has never mattered that Jesse is a boy and Grace is a girl. They have always understood each other, protected each other, comforted each other, and shared their jokes, toys, dreams, and love of poetry and basketball. But now they’re in the fourth grade and about to celebrate their 10th birthdays. When Grace writes a birthday poem and gives it to Jesse, their classmates begin teasing: “Jesse’s got a girlfriend! Grace’s got a boyfriend!” Confused and hurt, humiliated and angry, they stop speaking to each other, and do everything they can to avoid each other. Secretly, they long to forgive and forget, and in time learn that a best friend is the best kind of friend of all.

Winner of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education’s Distinguished Play Award, “Jesse and Grace, a Best Friends Story” was developed from a cycle of poems co-written by Sandy Asher and David L. Harrison. Sandy and David will perform a two-character radio version of the play live on “The Open Eye Theater Playtime,” Tuesday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. ET, and will share their creative process with Playtime co-hosts Carol and Arnie Schwartz and Amie Brockway.

The Open Eye Theater Playtime is your front-row, on-the-air seat to plays for kids, plays for grown-ups, and all things theater, hosted by Open Eye Artists Amie Brockway, Erwin Karl, Carol Schwartz, and Elizabeth Sherr.

“Jesse and Grace: a Best Friends Story” may be heard Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. ET, on WIOX Radio in the Catskills 91.3 FM, www.wioxradio.org, and on MTC’s Channel 20 Television.

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