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**Cape May Stage Presents Playwright Charles Evered's
Award-winning Film
"Adopt a Sailor"**

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Adopt a Sailor

Written and Directed by Charles Evered

Cape May, NJ – Cape May Stage, in association with the Cape May State Film Festival, is pleased to announce a screening of New Jersey screenwriter/director Charles Evered's *Adopt a Sailor*. Newcomer Ethan Peck, grandson to Gregory Peck, joins Emmy winners Bebe Neuwirth (*Cheers, Say Anything...*) and Peter Coyote (*ET, Erin Brockovich*) in this award-winning independent film. *Adopt a Sailor* received its premiere at the Williamstown Film Festival before being selected by over twenty national and international film festivals including the Garden State Film Festival, the Palm Springs International Film Festival and the California Independent Film Festival (Slate Award Nominee - Best Drama). Part of Cape May Stage's annual Second Stage Series, *Adopt a Sailor* will screen for a one-night limited engagement on Monday, May 17 at 8:00pm at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse on Bank and Lafayette Streets.

Raised in Rutherford, New Jersey, Evered is thrilled to share *Adopt a Sailor* with the community of Cape May. It's "the kind of community that appreciates and honors the service men and women there in the Coast Guard," says Evered. A former Lieutenant in the United States Navy Reserve, the film was born of Evered's own experience "at the intersection of two distinct worlds: the world I inhabited part time as a sailor, and the world I inhabit everyday as a writer." While Evered was eager not to make a political film, he "was struck by the fact that my decidedly liberal friends were absolutely convinced the film spoke to them – while my more conservative friends were convinced of the same thing."

Adopt a Sailor is a simple tale about a complicated relationship. Neuwirth and Coyote play Patricia and Richard, a dysfunctional couple who've forgotten they've agreed to host a sailor for a day during Fleet Week. When Ethan Peck joins them for dinner, their lives are changed forever. As the plot unfolds, the three very different characters come together in a "kind of family. *Adopt a Sailor* tells the story of how we are all connected to those who serve, no matter how far away the conflict seems to us sometimes."

The May 17th screening follows the world premiere of Evered's play *Class*. Starring Heather Matarazzo (*The Princess Diaries, Welcome to the Dollhouse*) and Thaa Penghlis (*Days of Our Lives, Mission Impossible*), *Class* chronicles the relationship between two show business professionals at divergent points in their careers, each struggling with the sacrifices they've made in pursuit of the unattainable. *Class* opens Saturday, May 15 and runs to Saturday, June 12, 2010.

Adopt a Sailor screens May 17th at 8:00pm at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at the corner of Bank & Lafayette Streets in downtown Cape May. Tickets are \$8. Assisted listening devices are available upon request for the hearing impaired. Call (609) 884-1341 for reservations and information or visit the theatre's website, www.capemaystage.com.