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Award-winning dramatist, screenwriter, and filmmaker Jeff Baron talks with Cape May Stage audiences about his powerful play, *Visiting Mr. Green*

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Cape May, NJ—August 26, 2009 - Jeff Baron is one of the world's most-produced playwrights in the past decade, credited with well over 300 productions that have been translated into 22 languages in 37 countries. On Saturday September 12th, this award-winning dramatist will attend Cape May Stage's production of his world-renowned play, *Visiting Mr. Green*. The Equity theatre company will host an up-close and personal talk-back session with Mr. Baron immediately following the 8PM performance. All audience members are invited to stay for an informal gathering where all questions and comments are welcome.

For the last six years Cape May Stage has maintained the tradition of inviting playwrights to discuss their work with the audience. Israel Horovitz joined the Stage in 2004 for *Park Your Car in Harvard Yard*, Anne Nelson was a guest during 2005's *The Guys*, Theresa Rebeck joined audiences in 2007 for *Bad Dates*, and this spring Stephen Temperley appeared during the run of *Souvenir*.

Theatrically, Mr. Baron is best known for writing *Visiting Mr. Green*, which won the Best Play Award in Israel as well as in Greece, Uruguay, Germany, Mexico and Turkey. His newer work has originated in Australia, France, Argentina, Croatia and Austria. In addition to his career as a playwright, Jeff Baron is an accomplished screenwriter and filmmaker. He sold four original screenplays to Hollywood, and has written for prime-time television on all of the major American networks. His award-winning short films have been seen around the world.

Baron was commissioned by the Los Angeles Opera to write an original libretto. His song lyrics have been performed in Carnegie Hall and other major venues. His journalism and fiction have been published in France, Canada and the U.S. and he has degrees from Northwestern University and Harvard.

The cast of *Visiting Mr. Green* includes Broadway veteran Ben Hammer alongside his accomplished co-star, Peter Sabri, who just finished playing his part opposite Eli Wallach in East

Hampton. Both actors will join Mr. Baron onstage after Saturday's performance for the post-show discussion.

Ticket Information

Visiting Mr. Green performs Wednesdays through Sundays at 8pm from September 2 through September 26 on the Otto Haas Stage at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$25 seniors, and \$12.50 students. Tickets are half-price for the Preview on September 2nd. The official opening performance is Thursday, September 3rd. The talk-back discussion with Mr. Baron will be Saturday, September 12th. Call (609) 884-1341 for tickets and information or visit the theatre's web-site, www.capemaystage.com. Audio enhancement, wheelchair accessible seating, and large print programs are available with advance notice by calling the box office at (609) 884-1341. Our popular 'Dinner & a Show' package promotion is now available with nine gourmet restaurants.

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