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With Love from Salisbury House

Des Moines, IA (January 24, 2013) —Salisbury House & Gardens (SH&G) is pleased to announce a “one night only” performance of the Pulitzer Prize winning romantic comedy, *Love Letters*, in the intimate setting of Salisbury House’s Common Room. Doors will open at 6:45 pm on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for a wine reception. The play will begin at 7:30 pm and will be performed by Repertory Theater of Iowa (RTI).

Prior to the performance, Salisbury House will restore Joseph Stella’s 1925 oil painting “The Birth of Venus” to its place of honor in the Great Hall. This coveted painting from the Salisbury collection has been on loan to The Brooklyn Museum for its traveling exhibit, *Youth & Beauty: Art of the American Twenties*, and has been featured in some of America’s finest museums this past year.

All proceeds from *Love Letters* will benefit of the 2013 production of *Shakespeare on the Lawn at Salisbury House* when *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* will be presented in partnership between SH&G and RTI from June 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

Tickets for *Love Letters* are \$40 for adults, \$36 for SH&G members and \$25 for students. Seating is limited for this performance and advance ticket purchases are encouraged at [www.salisburyhouse.org](http://www.salisburyhouse.org) or (515) 274-1777.

The Salisbury House Foundation is grateful for the lead gift awarded by Principal Financial Group for *Shakespeare on the Lawn at Salisbury House*, which will also support a Shakespeare Summer Camp for children, and another “one night only” RTI performance at Salisbury House in May 2013.

*Salisbury House & Gardens is a 42-room historic house museum owned and operated by the Salisbury House Foundation. Built by cosmetics magnate Carl Weeks and his wife, Edith, between 1923 and 1928, the estate was modeled after King’s House in Salisbury, England, and still houses the Weeks family’s historic and significant collection of paintings, sculpture, rare books and documents, antique furniture, and decorative arts.*

*Repertory Theater of Iowa is a 501(c)3 resident theater ensemble based in and serving Central Iowa. Utilizing a talented cast and crew of local artists, Repertory Theater of Iowa is dedicated to producing high quality theater performances that educate and inspire with their emphasis on language and artistic excellence in their presentations of the classics.*

