

**EMMY WINNING ACTRESS TO RECREATE ROLE IN
“A WOMEN OF INDEPENDENT MEANS”
TO SUPPORT EMERGING CREATIVE ARTISTS
Discussion and Q & A with Noted Author to Follow Performance**

LOS ANGELES (April 10, 2008) – A special one-night reading and concert performance of best selling author Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey’s “A Woman of Independent Means” will be given by Emmy Award Winning Actress Susan Clark, Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Morgan - Wixson Theatre in Santa Monica (2627 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica). Free parking is available on the street or at the nearby Venice Health Center (2509 Pico Blvd.). A reception and Question and Answer Session with Author Hailey will follow the performance.

The evening is being presented by The HARC Foundation as a fundraiser. HARC (Help Artists & Rehabilitate Children) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting the value of creative arts and creative artists in America and in rehabilitating abused and neglected children through the creative arts.

Tickets are \$50 donation per person, tax deductible as allowed by law. Funds raised from this event will be awarded to an emerging playwright through the HARC Awards Creative Arts competition. Tickets can be purchased by calling HARC at 310.821.0419 or by sending a check to The HARC Foundation at P.O. Box 11596, Marina del Rey, CA 90295.

The performance is adapted by Hailey from her internationally acclaimed best-selling novel and will be directed by Jenny Sullivan, whose recent work includes numerous local and national productions with multiple acting companies. Actress Clark has previously toured with “A Woman of Independent Means” and received high acclaim for her portrayal of Bess Steed Garner, the heroine of “A Woman of Independent Means” which is based on Hailey’s maternal grandmother. The play tells the entire life story of a woman born in the late 1800s through letters she wrote to her parents, friends, husbands and children. The original novel was adapted for the stage and later produced as a six-hour mini-series for NBC television network.

Actress Susan Clark is known for a career in stage productions ranging from “Hay Fever,” (Crest Theatre) “Man and Superman” and “Misalliance” (Shaw Festival) and starring in seven CBC Festival productions including “The Taming of the Shrew,” “Mary of Scotland,” and “Hedda Gabler”.

In addition Clark starred in 20 feature films, including “Tell Them Willie Boy Is Here,” “Coogan’s Bluff,” and “Night Moves.” She also starred in over a dozen television Movies of the Week, including: “The Choice,” “Amelia Earhart,” where she was nominated for an Emmy, and in the title role in “Babe,” the story of Olympic gold medalist and golfer Babe Didrickson Zaharias, which won her an Emmy as Best Actress. She is often most recognized for her work (along with her husband Alex Karras) where she appeared in 150 episodes of the long running television series “Webster” and today works actively for environmental and social justice issues. Clark has been recognized with multiple community and social activism awards for her work in social justice and is donating her performance to support The HARC Foundation.

HARC is a California non-profit organization formed with the dual purpose to discover, recognize, nurture and support emerging creative artists and to use the creative arts as a therapeutic science in the rehabilitation of abused and neglected children. It’s core mission is to help qualified emerging American Creative Artists by identifying their needs and providing solutions through Foundation programs that will benefit their livelihood and encourage achievement of their artistic potential. The HARC Foundation is publicly supported, funded by individual and corporate donations and grants. It holds national Creative Arts competitions, with winners selected from the five main arts disciplines: Fine Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Literature. Cash awards are granted to winners in each division. In addition, HARC grants Creative Arts Therapy cash awards to qualified creative artists who wish to become licensed arts therapists.

For further information on The HARC Foundation or to obtain tickets, call 310.821.0419.