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Literary Arts Presents a Special Evening with
Crossword Puzzle Editor Will Shortz

Portland, Ore. – Literary Arts is pleased to present Will Shortz on **Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.** at the First Congregational Church (1126 SW Park). Tickets are available at **www.literary-arts-org** and **503.227.2583**.

Will Shortz has been the Puzzlemaster for NPR's *Weekend Edition* since 1987. He is also the crossword puzzle editor of *The New York Times* and a former editor of *Games* magazine. He is the only person in the world to hold a degree in Enigmatology, the study of puzzles, which he received from University of Indiana in 1974. He is the subject of the 2006 documentary film *Wordplay*.

Shortz has written and edited more than 150 books, and he founded the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in 1978. He owns approximately 20,000 puzzle books and magazines dating back to 1545. He lives near New York City.

This evening with Will Shortz is sponsored by the **University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication Portland Turnbull Center** and by **The Oregonian**.

Portland Arts & Lectures will present a special event with novelist Michael Ondaatje on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Portland Art Museum. The 2007-2008 Portland Arts & Lectures series will be released in April.

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