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The Blackfriars Theatre

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84 Charing Cross Road
Adapted by James Roose-Evans
From the book by Helene Hanff

A STAGED READING

It began with an innocent inquiry about fine books. Twenty years later, it still continued.

On Wednesday evening, March 5, at 8 pm, the Blackfriars Theatre at Providence College will present this correspondence in a staged reading of 84 Charing Cross Road as adapted by James Roose-Evans from the book by Helene Hanff.

84 Charing Cross Road reveals the life of a struggling New York writer named Helene Hanff along with the staff of a London bookshop. These two parties carried on a remarkable correspondence. For two decades, from 1949 to 1969, they wrote letters which encompassed a period extending from the severe rationing imposed in Britain after World War II to the advent of the Beatles. These letters became a chronicle of an era as well as a record of deep friendship.

Helene Hanff is author of the book 84 Charing Cross Road in which she originally published her correspondence with the London

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bookshop, Marks & Co. Hanff is a playwright, children's writer and television screenwriter.

Directing the staged reading is Father Matthew Powell, O.P. The characters in the reading are Helene Hanff as dramatically read by Linda Reid; Frank Doel as read by Fr. John F. Cunnungham, O.P. (President of Providence College); and Cecily Farr, Maxine Stuart, Joan Todd, and the Flight Attendant all read by Mary Koisch.

Tickets for the staged reading will be \$1.00. The Box Office at the Blackfriars Theatre will open at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 5. Reservations may be made by calling the Box Office at 865-2218.