

Goddard College

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Goddard College Welcomes Visiting Author Maxine Hong Kingston

Author of *Woman Warrior* reads at College's 5th Anniversary Celebration in Port Townsend, WA

Goddard College will celebrate its first 5 years in Port Townsend, Washington and welcomes visiting author Maxine Hong Kingston for the celebration on July 17th. The event is free to the public and requires reservations due to limited space.

Maxine Hong Kingston, author of *Woman Warrior*, *China Men*, *Tripmaster Monkey: His Fake Book*, and many others, will hold a public reading and book signing Saturday, July 17th at 7:00 pm at the USO Hall at Fort Worden State Park. Reception to follow.

Kingston has earned many awards for her writing, including the National Book Critics Circle Award, the National Book Award, the PEN West Award for Fiction, the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature, and the National Humanities Medal, which was conferred by President Clinton, as well as the title "Living Treasure of Hawai'i." Her most recent books include a collection of essays, *Hawai'i One Summer*, and her latest novel, *The Fifth Book of Peace*. Her next book, *I Love a Broad Margin to My Life*, will be released by Alfred A. Knopf in January 2011.

Goddard College currently offers two MFA programs in Port Townsend, Washington: the MFA in Creative Writing and the MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts. Students spend eight intensive days on campus designing their study plan with a faculty advisor, and then return to their home communities to complete their semester.

Goddard's international MFA in Creative Writing Program supports study in poetry, fiction, non-fiction, creative non-fiction, memoir, screenwriting, playwriting and students seeking to work cross-genre.

The MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts reaches across the visual, conceptual, and performing arts, encompassing practices as diverse as digital arts, ceramics, circus arts, theatre, film and video, music, painting, installation, murals, land art, storytelling, performance art, sculpture, and dance. For more information, visit www.goddard.edu.

For information on Maxine Hong Kingston's reading or to reserve seats, please contact Erin Fristad at erin.fristad@goddard.edu or 360-344-4100.