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A Staged Reading of the Play: Reykjavik¹ BRIAN SCHWARTZ, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York — Reykjavik is the capital of Iceland, an island country located about 500 miles northwest of Scotland in the North Atlantic. In 1986 Mikhail Gorbachev, the Chairman of the Politburo of the Soviet Union and General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, invited Ronald Reagan, the President of the United States, to meet with him. The play Reykjavik is a dramatic reconstruction of the two-day summit meeting during which the world leaders almost reached agreement on the total abolition of their countries nuclear weapons. The play uses the actual transcripts of the Reykjavik meeting as well as the memoirs of both Reagan and Gorbachev. Join us for a dramatic staged reading of Reykjavik and find out how close the two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States, came to eliminating their nuclear weapons.

The playwright is Richard Rhodes, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author. The staged reading is performed by the Tonic Theater Company. The play director and actors as well as experts on nuclear disarmament will be available for a talk-back discussion. Produced by Brian Schwartz, CUNY and Gregory Mack, APS.

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