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A Wicked Good Time in Winchester WFEE Welcomes Author Gregory Maguire

Gregory Maguire burst onto the national scene in 1995 with the publication of Wicked, a look at the Land of Oz through the eyes of the Wicked Witch of the West. Maguire recently captivated supporters of the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence with a dramatic reading from his new book, A Lion Among Men, due to be released in October. The author offered both a glimpse into the thinking behind his Oz trilogy and an unusually candid account of his own life. Maguire spoke at a gathering of The Shooting Star Society, donors who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to WFEE. Maguire has frequently visited Winchester schools during Authorfest, an annual town wide program that receives major funding from WFEE. During his recent visit to Winchester Maguire thanked WFEE donors for their strong support of programs that encourage creativity and artistic expression among children. WFEE is pleased to announce it will be awarding a \$5,000 grant this year for creative writing in the name of Gregory Maguire. For more information on WFEE and its grants program visit www.wfee.org

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