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Radio Free Rhinecliff announces the launch of a new podcast, *Big & Salty, Stories by Chris Wells*, Obie Award winning founder and artistic director of The Secret City, a secular church of art founded in New York City in 2007. The company's ecstatic art celebrations have been enjoyed by thousands of people from NYC to LA, the Hudson Valley, the Berkshires. Over the years, The Secret City has presented a wide range of artists and performers including ballet dancers, cirque performers, singer/songwriters, painters, poets and more. The roster of guest artists includes Rosanne Cash, Stew, Taylor Mac, Justin Vivian Bond, Jennifer Miller, John Fleck, John Andrew Morrison, Jomama Jones, Kristina Wong, John C. Reilly and many more.

As the emcee of their lives events, Wells writes a personal story on the theme and delivers it in the spirit of a sermon, if sermons were written by a 6'2", platform wearing, headdress donning, queer, neo-pagan writer and performer looking for meaning in unlikely and absurd moments from the life of the artist.

Matt Rosenberg, station manager of Radio Free Rhinecliff and longtime devotee of The Secret City, approached Wells about making a podcast of his stories. In June of 2022, they began recording them before a live audience at Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff, NY. The stories are funny, deep, sad and surprising, and they leave a vivid impression on the listener.

The podcast, *Big & Salty, Stories by Chris Wells*, will launch at the end of July 2022 and will be available wherever podcasts are found: Spotify, Apple, Amazon, Google, and most podcast apps. Each episode will be one story, running between 18-23 minutes in length.