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For Immediate Release:

**CITY THEATRE PRESENTS THE ENCORE PRODUCTION OF *SOUTH SIDE STORIES*
WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY TAMI DIXON**

Back by popular demand for a limited time!

“Powerful...bring[s] true stories to pulsating life” —*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“A big, fat evening of bliss” —*Pittsburgh City Paper*

“Vivid, lively...delightfully insightful” —*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

Directed by Matt M. Morrow

January 8–26, 2014

PITTSBURGH, PA (December 11, 2013)—After a sold-out, extended run last winter, **City Theatre** presents the encore production of ***South Side Stories***, a vibrant, hometown adventure written and performed **by Tami Dixon**. Directed by Matt M. Morrow, *South Side Stories* is a City Events special presentation that will run in City Theatre’s Hamburg Studio from **January 8–26, 2014**, with performances Wednesdays through Sundays.

This one-woman show portrays the dynamism of a neighborhood. Embedded in the concrete of South Side’s city steps are testimonials of teenage mischief, steel mill toil, and townie haunts. This is a neighborhood where parking chairs mark territory and “paradise” is one turn off of 26th Street. Join us for the return of this audience favorite.

“I am interested in stories of survival,” says actor and playwright Tami Dixon. “For over 100 years the South Side was cast in the shadow of The Jones and Laughlin steel mill. The steel helped to build our country, and the mill defined this region, its people, and the culture. Now, with barely a trace of the mammoth structure left behind, the South Side continues to be home to families that descended from this industrial past. Living in the Slopes, I became curious about the neighborhood’s transition. I could feel the mill’s history burning beneath my feet. I could see it in the faces of my neighbors. The stories in this play are theirs—vivid, funny, poignant, and true.”

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Tami Dixon's local theatre credits include, *South Side Stories*, *The Clockmaker*, *Marriage Minuet*, *The Missionary Position*, and *The Muckle Man* with City Theatre; *The Hothouse*, *Celebration*, and *Rock n Roll* with Pittsburgh Irish & Classical Theatre; *The Task* and *El Paso Blue* with Quantum Theatre; *The Chicken Snake* with The Rep; *Metamorphoses* with Pittsburgh Public Theater; and *Midnight Radio*, *STRATA*, *Dutchman*, *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom*, and *Key to the Field* with Bricolage Production Company. Ms. Dixon is entering her 9th season as Producing Artistic Director for Bricolage Production Company, which she runs alongside her husband, Jeffrey Carpenter. She is a recipient of a TCG/Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowship and was named 2012's "Performer of the Year" by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Most recently, Ms. Dixon received the 2013 Carol R. Brown Creative Achievement Emerging Artist Award from The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Tami Dixon and City Theatre are participants in the Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowships, funded by the William & Eva Fox Foundation and administered by Theatre Communications Group.

The original staged reading of *South Side Stories* was produced by City Theatre during MOMENTUM: new plays at different stages on June 4, 2011 with funding provided in part by The Fine Foundation, The Hillman Foundation, and generous donors to City Theatre's Artistic Excellence Fund.

The world premiere of *South Side Stories* was commissioned and produced by City Theatre, November 10 – December 16, 2013, and enjoyed an extended run the following January.

The creative team for *South Side Stories* includes **Tony Ferrieri** (Scenic), **Sylvianne Shurman** (Costume), **Andrew David Ostrowski** (Lighting), **Nathan Leigh** (Sound), **David Pohl** (Projection), **Carlyn Aquiline** (Dramaturgy), and **Sheila McKenna** (Dialect).

CITY THEATRE PRESENTS

South Side Stories

Written and performed by **Tami Dixon**

Directed by **Matt M. Morrow**

When: January 8–26, 2014

Wednesdays at 7pm

Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm

Saturdays at 2pm and 5:30pm

Sundays at 2pm

Where: City Theatre, 1300 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (South Side)

Tickets: \$35 to \$55

Box Office: 412.431.CITY (2489) or citytheatrecompany.org

South Side residents receive \$10 off by phone or at the Box Office. Must present valid ID with 15203 zip code. Tickets will be held at Will Call. One ticket per ID.

Season subscribers may purchase \$30 tickets by phone or at the Box Office.

Groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounts. Call Kari Shaffer at 412.431.4400 x286.

City Events is City Theatre's annual series of limited engagement special presentations.

City Theatre is now in its 39th season. Located on Pittsburgh's historic South Side, City Theatre specializes in new plays, commissioning and producing work by playwrights including Adam Rapp, Jeffrey Hatcher, Theresa Rebeck, and Christopher Durang. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tracy Brigden, Managing Director Mark R. Power, and a 45-member Board of Directors, City Theatre's mission is to provide an artistic home for the development and production of contemporary plays of substance and ideas that engage and challenge a diverse audience. CityTheatreCompany.org

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