

For Immediate Release:

CITY THEATRE PRESENTS MUSIC-FILLED WORLD PREMIERE OF SAM BENDRIX AT THE BON SOIR BY KEITH BUNIN

Featuring songs by Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, the Gershwins, and many more!

Featuring Luke Macfarlane of ABC's hit TV series Brothers and Sisters

Directed by Mark Rucker

November 12-December 18, 2011

PITTSBURGH, PA (October 20, 2011)—City Theatre presents Luke Macfarlane in the world premiere *Sam Bendrix at the Bon Soir* by Keith Bunin. Under the direction of Mark Rucker and music direction of Douglas Levine, *Sam Bendrix* plays on City Theatre's Lester Hamburg Studio Stage from November 12 – December 18, 2011 with an Opening Night / Press Night Performance on Friday, November 18 at 8pm.

The drinks and the music flow at the legendary Bon Soir. In 1958 Greenwich Village, a young singer and his band take the stage for a final performance before he quits New York City forever. While a chair he's holding for a special someone sits empty all night, Sam Bendrix tells a classic tale of an era not yet ready for the revolutionary changes on the horizon.

Sam Bendrix at the Bon Soir features Luke Macfarlane as Sam Bendrix. The design team includes Tony Ferrieri (Scenic), Angela M. Vesco (Costume), Andrew David Ostrowski (Lighting), and Brad Peterson (Sound).

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When: November 12-December 18, 2011

Preview Schedule

Saturday, November 12 at 5:30pm Sunday, November 13 at 7pm Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm Thursday, November 17 at 8pm

PRESS / OPENING NIGHT Friday, November 18 at 8pm

Regular Run Schedule

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7pm Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm Saturdays at 5:30 and 9pm Sundays at 2pm

Matinees on Wednesday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 7 at 1pm

There will be no performances on Wednesday, November 23 and Thursday, November 24

Where: City Theatre 1300 Bingham Street on Pittsburgh's South Side

Tickets \$35 to \$60

Students and age 25 and younger may reserve \$15 tickets in advance (student tickets to Fridays at 8 pm and Saturdays at 5:30 pm are only available for rush purchase two hours before showtime).

Seniors (age 60 and older) may purchase \$22 rush tickets at the Box Office beginning two hours before showtime.

Student and senior tickets prices are subject to availability.

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

<u>**City Theatre**</u>, now in its 37th year and located on Pittsburgh's historic South Side, specializes in contemporary and new plays and has brought to Pittsburgh playwrights such as Adam Rapp, Christopher Durang, and Jeffrey Hatcher. 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. <u>www.citytheatrecompany.org</u>