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**For Immediate Release:**

**CITY THEATRE PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF *SOUTH SIDE STORIES*  
WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY TAMI DIXON**

**A vibrant, hometown adventure born from over 100 interviews with South Side residents**

**Directed by Matt M. Morrow**

**November 10 – December 16, 2012**

PITTSBURGH, PA (October 23, 2012)—**City Theatre presents the World Premiere of *South Side Stories***, a vibrant, hometown adventure written and performed **by Tami Dixon**. Directed by Matt M. Morrow, *South Side Stories* runs from November 10 to December 16, 2012 in City Theatre’s Hamburg Studio Theatre, with an **Opening Night performance on Friday, November 16 at 8pm.**

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 and bar stools mark territory, where “paradise” is just one turn off of 26th Street. So we ask, “Are yinz ready for some stories ‘bout the ‘burgh?”

“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.”

**Tami Dixon’s** local acting credits include *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; *Every Tongue Confess* with The August Wilson Center Theatre Ensemble; *Midnight Radio*, *STRATA*, *Dutchman*, *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom*, and *Key to the Field* with Bricolage Production Company. Ms. Dixon is in her 7th season as Producing Artistic Director for Bricolage Production Company, which she runs alongside her husband, Jeffrey Carpenter. She is a member of The August Wilson

Center Theatre Ensemble and a recipient of a TCG/Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowship. Tami lives in the South Side Slopes, and *South Side Stories* marks her playwriting debut.

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:** November 10 – December 16, 2012

### **Community Preview Party**

*FREE! Enjoy local bites and beer and meet Tami Dixon*

Thursday, November 1 from 5:30 to 7pm

City Theatre's Gordon Lounge

### **Preview Schedule**

Saturday, November 10 at 5:30pm

Sunday, November 11 at 7pm

Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14 at 7pm

Thursday, November 15 at 8pm

### **PRESS / OPENING NIGHT**

**Friday, November 16 at 8pm**

### **Regular Run Schedule**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7pm

Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm

Saturdays at 5:30 and 9pm

Sundays at 2pm

Weekday matinees will be performed on Wednesday, November 28 and Wednesday, December 5 at 1pm.

There will be no performances on Wednesday, November 21 and Thursday, November 22.

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

### **Tickets**

\$35 to \$55

### **Box Office**

412.431.CITY (2489) or [www.citytheatrecompany.org](http://www.citytheatrecompany.org)

**Audiences under 30** may reserve \$15 tickets in advance for all performances except Fridays 8pm and Saturdays 5:30pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, tickets are available two hours prior to show time and based on availability.

**Seniors age 62 and older** may purchase \$22 rush tickets at the Box Office beginning two hours before show time.

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

**City Theatre** is now in its 38th season. Located on Pittsburgh's historic South Side, City Theatre specializes in new plays and has brought to Pittsburgh playwrights at the forefront of the industry, including Adam Rapp, Christopher Durang, Eric Simonson, 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. [www.citytheatrecompany.org](http://www.citytheatrecompany.org)

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