

**Dr. Maya Angelou's family to celebrate her 90th birthday in Pittsburgh March 10 & 11.**

**Events include free discussion and book-signing at Cranberry Barnes & Noble, opening of Prime Stage Theatre's premiere of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.**

(PITTSBURGH, PA - February 15, 2018) just a few weeks before what would be her 90th birthday, Prime Stage Theater is presenting the regional premiere of the first-ever stage production based on Dr. Maya Angelou's bestselling book *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

The play's opening weekend will begin in grand style on **Saturday, March 10**, as Dr. Angelou's grandson and great-granddaughter, Elliott Jones and Caylin Johnson, visit the Barnes & Noble on Route 19 in Cranberry to sign books and share remembrances of their legendary relative.

The event begins at 12 noon, and is free to the public.

Both family members have myriad vivid memories of life with Dr. Angelou and look forward to sharing their anecdotes with those in attendance. They will also entertain questions and sign copies of Dr. Angelou's books.

Mr. Jones, of Miami, Florida, serves as director of community engagement for Caged Bird Legacy, LLC, an organization that administers Angelou's estate and preserves her legacy. Miss Johnson is a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, where she attends college.

Later that evening, Mr. Jones and Miss Johnson will be guests of honor at the 8:00 p.m. opening night performance of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* at the New Hazlett Theater Center for the Performing Arts, Allegheny Square, on Pittsburgh's North Side. Following the show, they will participate in a question-and-answer session with the audience moderated by State Representative Jake Wheatley. The show, directed by Monteze Freeland, will run through March 18.

**On Sunday, March 11**, They will mingle with attendees at a 90th birthday celebration for Dr. Angelou hosted by Prime Stage in the lobby of the New Hazlett Theater prior to the 2:30 p.m. matinee.

More information, and tickets for all performances and events, are available at [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com).

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