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### Former Steeler Matt Bahr and WTAE-TV's Sally Wiggin to Kick Off Prime Stage Theatre's *A Night in the Spotlight* Benefit Gala, Set for Thursday, June 8 at The Priory

(Pittsburgh, PA - May 20, 2017) Former Pittsburgh Steeler Matt Bahr, WTAE-TV news anchor Sally Wiggin and Pittsburgh/Hollywood actor Brian Ceponis will welcome guests to *A Night in the Spotlight*, a benefit event for Prime Stage Theatre, a North Side-based, nonprofit theater organization that is currently celebrating its 20th season of presenting professionally produced plays based based on works of classic and contemporary literature.

The event will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pittsburgh's Grand Hall at The Priory, 614 Pressley Street, North Side.

Attendees will enjoy an evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, music by Trio d'Argento, and more as Prime Stage announces its 2017-2018 season, the theme of which is "Humanity in the face of adversity." There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased at [www.primestage.com/events](http://www.primestage.com/events).

- **Sally Wiggin** served as WTAE-TV's news anchor for many years. She also hosts and reports for WTAE's "Chronicle" and serves as co-host of "Black & Gold Primetime." In 2015, Wiggin was honored with the Ed King Memorial Award from the Press Club of Western PA's Golden Quill Awards for her work on "Chronicle." That same year, she and the "Chronicle" team also received Golden Quills in the Investigative, Community Service and Documentary categories, Associated Press awards for Best Documentary and Public Affairs, and a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Best Documentary. In 2015, Wiggin was inducted into the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame.
- **Matt Bahr**, a Philadelphia native and Penn State alumnus, was the Steelers sixth-round draft pick in 1979. He was the Steelers' placekicker in 1979 and 1980, and played for the Steelers in Super Bowl XIV (1979) in which they defeated the Los Angeles Rams 31 to 19. Bahr's son is among the actors who recently appeared in Prime Stage's May 2017 production of "The Perks of Being a Wallflower."
- Pittsburgh native and Hollywood actor **Brian Ceponis** starred as Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mockingbird" and O'Brien in "1984" at Prime Stage this past season. Over the past 10 years, he also played roles in a variety of films and television programs including "NCIS," "Monk," and the Clint Eastwood-directed "Flags of Our Fathers."

Proceeds from *A Night in the Spotlight* will benefit an array of Prime Stage outreach programs and productions, which includes the organization's Main Stage Live Theatre, Student Matinee Field Trip Series, Literacy in ACTION Education Outreach Program, 2nd

Stage, and Technical Theatre Mentor/Intern Program. Though its professionally produced theatrical presentations and educational programming, Prime Stage reaches more than 12,000 patrons each year.

**About Prime Stage Theatre**

Prime Stage is committed to entertaining, inspiring and enriching the lives of Pittsburghers by bringing literature to life through professional theater productions. Since the organization was founded in 1996 by Wayne and Connie Brinda, the work produced by Prime Stage has been essential to the cultural life in Pittsburgh and surrounding regions. For the past 10 years, Prime Stage has been presenting plays based on classic and contemporary literature to audiences at the New Hazlett Theater Center for Performing Arts at Allegheny Square on the North Side.