

Prime Stage Theatre



Bringing Literature to Life

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## Prime Stage Theatre Hosts Mark Twain for its Annual Gala Fundraiser

**Pittsburgh, PA, September 23, 2011** – On Monday, October 10, 2011 Prime Stage Theatre will host its second annual gala fundraiser, *Mark Twain – Live at the Library!*

Dr. Alan Solter, well-known Mark Twain scholar, will present a series of tales and observations straight from the famous author himself that highlight Twain's ability to entertain, educate and puzzle. Dr. Solter's ease with Twain's mannerisms, witticism and storytelling brings the famous author lauded as "the greatest American humorist of his age" back to life.

Guiding guests through the evening activities will be Andrew Stockey, WTAE Channel 4 Action News anchor. Attendees will be free to tour the History Center. On each floor they will be greeted by dramatic actors reading selections from Prime Stage Theatre's upcoming productions of *The Scarlet Letter*, *The Elephant Man* and *A Wrinkle in Time*. Members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra will provide live music throughout the reception, with appetizers and specialty Greek desserts donated by Mediterraneo Restaurant. A Chinese auction will round out the event with prizes, including gift certificates and memberships to some of Pittsburgh's most popular cultural organizations and finest establishments.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help Prime Stage Theatre continue its dedication to bringing literature to life through live theatre experiences that are equally appealing to adults and families.

### More about Prime Stage Theatre's 15<sup>th</sup> season:

#### ***The Scarlet Letter* November 4 – 13, 2011**

Coauthored by internationally-acclaimed, award-winning author Carol Gilligan and her son, Jonathan Gilligan, this adaptation was presented as part of the 2007 Women Center Stage Festival in New York City. Carol Gilligan is best known for her groundbreaking 1982 work on gender studies, *In A Different Voice*, described as "the little book that started a revolution" and is now required reading at universities around the country.

#### ***The Elephant Man* February 24 – March 4, 2012**

Experience the poignant true story about Joseph Merrick, the man who looked like a monster but whose spirit captured the heart of a nation. Critically acclaimed director Richard Keitel (*The Glass Menagerie*, 2011) is back this season to work his craft on this heartwarming and dramatic true-life tale.

#### ***A Wrinkle in Time* May 11 – 20, 2012**

This production is a delightful story about the battle between good and evil, the control of the universe and the ultimate triumph of love. Come see the fusion of science, technology and the arts come alive in an original, high definition experience as Prime Stage collaborates with the Carnegie Science Center, the Entertainment Technology Center of Carnegie Mellon University and the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

### More about Prime Stage Theatre:

Prime Stage Theatre is a non-profit organization committed to producing high-quality, artistic experiences for adults, families, students, and educators as they discover the fusion of live theatre and literature. With education as the cornerstone of its mission and vision, the Company offers unique programs designed to support educators and families in the sharing and appreciation of great literature and that encourages both literacy and a love of theatre.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

**WHO:** Prime Stage Theatre

**WHAT:** **Mark Twain – Live at the Library!**  
Portrayed by Alan Solter  
Special Guest Emcee - WTAE-TV's Andrew Stockey

**WHEN:** Monday October 10, 2011- 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

**WHERE:** John Heinz History Center  
1212 Smallman Street  
Pittsburgh PA

**TICKETS:** \$100 – Adults; \$50 – 18 and under (accompanied by an adult)  
Online via ShowClix at: <http://www.showclix.com/event/74482>  
or by phone at: 1-888-71-TICKETS

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