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NEWS RELEASE

Prime Stage Theatre and YWCA Partner to Educate During Week Without Violence

Touring Production of You Belong to Me Educates through the arts

PITTSBURGH – Prime Stage Theatre is proud to announce the partnership with the YWCA of Pittsburgh and CCAC of Monroeville during the Week Without Violence. PST will present their Highmark sponsored Teen Dating Awareness Program that educates against teen dating violence. The multi-faceted platform raises awareness, encourages, and provides the tools and resources for teens, parents and educators through the arts.

The one-hour presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 15 from 10-1 at the CCAC Boyce Campus located at 595 Beatty Road, Monroeville. It includes the theatrical production of *You Belong to Me*, an original script written by Debbie Lamedman, in collaboration with Gary Shaw, a teacher at Pittsburg High School in Kansas and his high school students. It is a blend of a first-hand testimony from Ms. Jodi Cuccia, whose daughter was the victim of dating violence, and a theatrical experience.

The program concludes with a Q&A session where the audience gets the opportunity to share their thoughts and ask questions with the cast, teachers and Ms. Cuccia. The program includes local resources that the audience can contact immediately and confidentially.

TDA is partnered with the Domestic Violence Center of Southwestern PA and endorsed by *Futures Without Violence*, a national organization whose mission is to prevent and end violence against women and children around the world.

For more information about TDA or to schedule a presentation, contact Prime Stage at tda@primestage.com.

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