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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Prime Stage Theatre Announces New Education Director

A New Face Brings Experience in Education and the Arts

**PITTSBURGH** – Prime Stage Theatre is proud to announce Linda Haston as the new Educational Director. She will oversee the Educational Department including the Literacy in ACTION program.

Haston comes to PST with many years of experience. She is a member of Actors Equity Association and the National Forensic League where she has judged local competitions in forensics. She has taught at Hope Academy for the Performing Arts in East Liberty and was a Drama Instructor at South Park High School where they obtained Gene Kelly Best Musical and Lighting 2004 nominations. In addition, Haston taught Intro to Performance at the University of Pittsburgh 2009 Fall/Winter/Spring Semester.

*"I believe that the youth are our future in keeping literacy and the arts alive. It is imperative that we as educators and artists make it our priority to help them achieve their goals. It has been my distinct pleasure to be able to teach and learn from the young people as to how their 'map' should be drawn to get to a level of appreciation and experience skills to pass on to the next generations." Linda Haston*

Along with teaching, Haston participated with the implementation of the Heinz Endowment Culturally Responsive Arts in Education (CRAE) Program in the Public School System. This program, based out of Chicago, is an initiative introduced in five public schools in Pittsburgh. The program employs the arts of the African Diaspora to partner teachers with arts in order to develop an instructional climate that promotes a positive racial identity. It also forges collaboration among arts specialists, teaching artists, and teachers of other core subjects and to develop leadership qualities and appreciation of the arts within the children.

As part of the educational department, the Literacy in ACTION Program is designed to help teachers in underserved districts of our region transform their reluctant and struggling adolescent students into students who can read, are motivated, find value and enjoyment in a variety of literature.

For more information on Haston or the educational programming, visit [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com).

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*Our mission is to entertain, educate and enrich families, students, and educators in the discovery of live theatre and literature.*

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