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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Prime Stage Theatre Offers Public Performance Teen Dating Awareness Program**

*Highmark sponsored Touring Production of You Belong to Me Educates Through the Arts*

PITTSBURGH – Prime Stage Theatre proudly presents the Highmark sponsored Teen Dating Awareness Program. 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 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.

There will be a public performance on Nov. 7 at 7pm. The performance will be held at the New Hazlett Theater located at 6 Allegheny Square East. Donations accepted.

TDA is 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](mailto:tda@primestage.com).**

#### THE HIGHMARK FOUNDATION

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#### PRIME STAGE

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

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