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Announcing CityEvent:

TAMARA TUNIE

LEGENDS FROM THE 'BURGH

December 9-10, 2016

"Legends from the Burgh showcases a master craftsman at work and is not to be missed."

– TheaterPizzazz.com

Pittsburgh, PA (November 14, 2016). **City Theatre** adds to its season of contemporary plays and exciting **CityEvents**, announcing **Tamara Tunie: Legends from the 'Burgh**. Pittsburgh native and *Law & Order: SVU* star, Tamara Tunie returns to her roots, performing songs by hometown legends. Her band includes **Roger Humphries** on drums, **Jeff Grubbs** on bass, and **Max Leake** conducting and playing piano. Ms. Tunie, a Tony and Drama Desk Award winner has performed *Legends from the 'Burgh* on tour and in New York City to packed houses and critical acclaim. **Performances are December 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.** Tickets are on sale now.

Star of stage and screen Tamara Tunie will enchant audiences with an evening-length cabaret of songs from the wide array of artists that hail from the City of Three Rivers—a star-studded group that includes Lena Horne, Henry Mancini, Phyllis Hyman, and George Benson. Known for her starring roles in film (*Flight* opposite Denzel Washington), television series, and Broadway shows (*Julius Caesar*, *Dreamgirls*), Tunie brings her talents back to her hometown in *Legends from the 'Burgh*.

Tamara Tunie starred as Medical Examiner Dr. Melinda Warner on the hit drama series *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. Other credits include: Broadway: *Julius Caesar* with Denzel Washington, *Oh Kay* with Brian Stokes Mitchell, *Dreamgirls* (20th Anniversary Benefit Concert), *Lena Horne: The Lady and Her Music*. Regional: *American Son* (Berkshire theatre Award Best Actress in a Drama), *Familiar* (Obie Award Best Actress in an Off- Broadway Play), *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Les Liasons Dangereuse*, *Tartuffe*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *All's Well That Ends Well*, *Troilus and Cressida* (New York Shakespeare Festival, Central Park), *Loose Knit*. Film: *FLIGHT*, *Devil's Advocate*, *City Hall*, *Snake Eyes*, *Eve's Bayou*, *The Caveman's Valentine*. Television: *The Red Road*, *Billions*, *Alpha House*, *Survivor's Remorse*, *24* (Season 1), *Law and Order*, *Sex and The City*, *NYPD Blue*, *New York Undercover*, *Chicago Hope*, and Jessica Griffin on *As The World Turns*.

Having studied classical voice, and with a B.F.A. in musical theatre from Carnegie Mellon University, Ms. Tunie added jazz to her repertoire several years ago, and has performed at the

legendary Allen Room of Jazz at Lincoln Center and Feinstein's at The Regency. She has performed with such incomparable musicians as Mike Renzi, Billy Stritch, and Roger Humphries, to name a few, and she has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Penn State University Allegheny County's Student Scholarship Fund with her performances of *All That's Jazz!* She has graced the stage at the beautiful state-of-the-art theatre at Malloy College's Madison Theatre. She has also performed for the Mabel Mercer Foundation at Town Hall and at Symphony Space, bringing down the house with music from Billie "Lady Day" Holiday to Cole Porter, after which one critic wrote, "Tunie SWINGS, sings great, looks great!"

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LEGENDS FROM THE 'BURGH

WHEN:

Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE:

City Theatre Main Stage, 1300 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (South Side)

Patron parking is available in the lot across from the City Theatre entrance for \$8.

TICKETS: On sale now.

Tiered pricing starts at \$20. Cabaret Table Seating is \$65 per ticket and includes a post-show reception.

Tickets may be purchased at 412.431.CITY (2489) or citytheatrecompany.org

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City Theatre is now in its 42nd season. Located in the historic South Side, City Theatre is Pittsburgh's home for bold new plays, commissioning and producing work by playwrights including Daniel Beaty, Jessica Dickey, Christopher Durang, Michael Hollinger, Willy Holtzman, Tarell Alvin McCraney, and Madeleine George. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tracy Brigden, Managing Director James McNeel, and the Board of Directors, City Theatre's mission is to provide an artistic home for the development and production of contemporary plays of substance and ideas that engage and challenge a diverse audience. CityTheatreCompany.org

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