MEDIA RELEASE

Full Cast Announced for A Streetcar Named Desire

Demetrius Grosse and Deidrie Henry from NBC’s gripping new drama Game of Silence take on the roles of Blanche and Stanley, joined by Kristen Adele as Stella and Keith Eric Chapelle as Mitch

(L-R): Deidrie Henry, Demetrius Grosse, Kristen Adele, Keith Eric Chapelle

March 21, 2016 – PORTLAND, OR. Portland Center Stage announces the full casting for Tennessee Williams’ iconic play A Streetcar Named Desire. Demetrius Grosse and Deidrie Henry from NBC’s gripping new drama Game of Silence (two-night premiere on April 12), take on the roles of Stanley and Blanche. Two other television regulars join them: Stella will be played by Kristen Adele (The Mysteries of Laura and Orange is the New Black, among others) and Mitch will be played by Keith Eric Chapelle (Madam Secretary and Elementary, among others; on Broadway in A Raisin in the Sun and Cyrano de Bergerac). Seven local actors complete the cast: Bobby Bermea, Dana Millican, Gilberto Martin del Campo, Anya Pearson, David Bodin, Sofia May-Cuxim and Blake Stone.

➢ WATCH: NBC’s Game of Silence Trailer

A Streetcar Named Desire begins preview performances on May 14, opens on May 20 and runs through June 19 on the U.S. Bank Main Stage. PCS’s Artistic Director Chris Coleman will direct, using an
adaptation by Emily Mann. Regular tickets are on sale now and start at $25. Tickets may be purchased at http://www.pcs.org/, 503.445.3700, or the Gerding Theater at the Armory box office (128 NW Eleventh Avenue, Portland, OR). More information at http://www.pcs.org/streetcar.

**ABOUT THE SHOW**

Tennessee Williams’ Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece is an exquisite study of the unraveling of Blanche DuBois, a fading southern belle. When she arrives unexpectedly on the doorstep of her sister, Stella, and her brother-in-law, Stanley, Blanche is clinging desperately to a persona designed to help her survive. Over the course of one hot, sultry New Orleans summer, Blanche’s fragile facade slowly crumbles as she meets her match in the rough-hewn and hyper masculine Stanley, who is determined to expose her.

**DEIDRIE HENRY**

Deidrie Henry returns to Portland to play Blanche after making her PCS debut in Closer in 2001. Henry’s television credits include The Riches, Criminal Minds, Justified, Glee, Twisted, Touch and ER; she appeared in the films Beyond the Lights and Beautiful Boy; she also spent four seasons at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and most recently appeared on stage in Los Angeles in Raisin in the Sun and Parade at Center Theatre Group.

**DEMETRIUS GROSSE**

Demetrius Grosse makes his PCS debut in the role of Stanley. His television credits include Banshee, Justified, Westworld, ER, Heroes, Criminal Minds, Glee, The Riches and Edison; his film credits include Straight Outta Compton, Saving Mr. Banks, 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi, This is Martin Bonner (Sundance Audience Award), The Inheritance, Studio, A Quiet Fire (AOF Award), Samaria (DGA Award); and his recent theater credits include the Off-Broadway/national tour of Black Angels Over Tuskegee (NAACP Theatre Award).
KRISTEN ADELE
Kristen Adele makes her PCS debut as Stella. Her television credits include The Mysteries of Laura, The Good Wife, Blue Bloods and Orange is the New Black. Her recent stage credits include Desire at New York Stage and Film, Clybourne Park at Cleveland Playhouse and Jackie and Me at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

KEITH ERIC CHAPPELLE
Keith Eric Chapelle makes his PCS debut as Mitch. His television credits include Madam Secretary, Elementary, Blue Bloods, The Good Wife, Person of Interest and Law & Order. Chapelle was on Broadway in A Raisin in the Sun and Cyrano de Bergerac, with other recent theater credits at The Public Theatre, McCarter Theatre and more.

Completing the cast is a host of talented local actors. Bobby Bermea returns to play Steve, after making his PCS debut in One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest in 2011. Six local actors make their PCS debuts: Dana Millican will play Eunice; Gilberto Martin del Campo will play Pablo; Anya Pearson will play A Neighbor Woman; David Bodin will play A Doctor; Sofia May-Cuxim will play A Mexican Woman and A Matron; and Blake Stone will play A Young Collector.

CAST LIST
Deidrie Henry.........................................Blanche
Kristen Adele........................................Stella
Demetrius Grosse.................................Stanley
Keith Eric Chapelle..............................Mitch
Dana Millican........................................Eunice
Bobby Bermea......................................Steve
Gilberto Martin del Campo...............Pablo
Anya Pearson........................................A Neighbor Woman
David Bodin........................................A Doctor
Sofia May-Cuxim..............................A Mexican Woman/A Matron
Blake Stone.......................................A Young Collector

Note: PCS had previously announced the role of Stanley would be played by Russell Hornsby; due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Hornsby is unavailable.
CREATIVE TEAM
Emily Mann..........................Adapter
Chris Coleman..................Director
G.W. Mercier..........................Scenic and Costume Designer
Ann Wrightson..................Lighting Designer
Casi Pacilio........................Sound Designer
Mary McDonald-Lewis...........Dialect Coach
Mark Tynan.......................Stage Manager
Kristen Mun......................Production Assistant

TICKET AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

When: May 14* – June 9, 2016
*Opening Night/Press Night is Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Preview Performances: May 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Showtimes: Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (excluding May 29, June 8, 12 and 18);
Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (excluding May 14, 15, 21, June 4 and 18); and
Thursday matinees at noon (excluding May 19 and June 16).

Where: On the U.S. Bank Main Stage at the Gerding Theater at the Armory.
128 NW Eleventh Ave., Portland, Ore., 97209

More Info: http://www.pcs.org/streetcar

To Purchase: Regular tickets range from $25 to $75. Rush tickets are $20. Students and patrons who
are 30 or younger may purchase premium seating areas for $30. Discounts for groups of 10+.
Prices vary by date, time and seating area, and are subject to change.

Online: www.pcs.org
By Phone: 503.445.3700, 12–6 p.m.
In Person: PCS’s box office is at 128 NW Eleventh Avenue
12 p.m. to curtain on performance days
12 to 6 p.m. on non-performance days

**Groups:** Discounts available for groups of 10+ by calling 503.445.3794.

**Please Note:** Recommended for ages 14+; contains mature content.

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**The Gerding Theater at the Armory** houses the 590-seat U.S. Bank Main Stage and the 190-seat black box Ellyn Bye Studio. It was the first building on the National Register of Historic Places – and the first performing arts venue – to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification. The Gerding Theater at the Armory opened to the public on Oct. 1, 2006.

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