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SEPTEMBER 11 DRAMA THE GUYS BY ANNE NELSON TO OPEN ATLANTIC STAGE THEATRE COMPANY'S 4TH SEASON

All proceeds from Opening Night Performance to Benefit the Horry County Firefighters Relief Fund

(Myrtle Beach, S.C., August 12, 2011) - Atlantic Stage, the only non-profit professional theatre company in the Myrtle Beach area will open its 2011-2012 season with the September 11 drama *The Guys* by Anne Nelson at the 79th Avenue Theatre in the Coastal Carolina University Myrtle Beach Education Center, 900 79th Ave N, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29572. The play will preview on September 8 with opening night on September 9 and run through September 25.

Set just two weeks after the September 11 attacks, *The Guys* is based on the true story of a fire captain who lost eight men in the collapse of the World Trade Center and the editor who helps him prepare the eulogies he must deliver. This play about the enduring bonds of common humanity is recommended for adults and children ages 12 and older.

The Guys will be directed by Atlantic Stage's Artistic Director Thom Penn. The cast will include actors David Russell and Jen Plants. Currently teaching in the theatre program at Hood College in Frederick, M.D., Plants is a member of Actors' Equity Association and her regional acting credits include appearances with The Asolo Theatre Festival, Olney Theatre Center, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, The Round House Theatre, Theater J, Imagination Stage, Southern Shakespeare Festival, and the Baltimore Shakespeare Festival, where as an artistic associate, she played diverse roles from an aerialist Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to Portia in *Julius Caesar*. Recent roles include Linda in *Fiction* (Bickford Theatre) and Lulu in *The Ruby Sunrise* (New Jersey's The Theater Project.)

New this season, Atlantic Stage is donating the proceeds from each production's opening night to a local charity. All proceeds from the opening night of *The Guys* on September 9 will benefit the Horry County Firefighters Relief Fund. The HCFFRF is a 501c(3), non-profit organization dedicated to assisting and improving the lives of Horry County firefighters and/or rescue worker(s), their families and the community they serve. They will provide assistance to injured firefighters and/or rescue worker(s) and those affected by a life-threatening illness.

In the theatre lobby, memorabilia and personal effects and quotes from local firefighters who had personal involvement in the aftermath of 9/11 will be displayed. There will also be a photo essay by Louis Keiner and Lesley Etherson honoring the work of local firefighters. The complete performance schedule is as follows:

Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. (Preview Night, Media are invited to attend)

Friday, September 9, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. (Opening Night, all proceeds donated to Horry County Firefighters Relief Fund)

Week 1: Thursday, September 8 – Saturday, September 10 @ 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, September 11 @ 3:00 p.m.

Week 2: Thursday, September 15 – Saturday, September 17 @ 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, September 18 @ 3:00 p.m.

Week 3: Thursday, September 22 – Saturday, September 24 @ 7:30 p.m.,
Sunday, September 25 @ 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Information

For Flex Subscription or single tickets call the Atlantic Stage box office at 1-877-287-8587 or online at www.atlanticstage.com. Single tickets range from \$5-\$25 at the door. Discounts are available for students, seniors (55+), the military and groups. Student rush tickets are available for all performances 10 minutes prior to curtain at the Box Office for \$5.00 (subject to availability).

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About Atlantic Stage

Working members of the press are invited to all opening nights and may contact Kimberly Miles at Kimberly.Miles2@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

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In partnership with Coastal Carolina University, Atlantic Stage is the first and only professional non-profit theatre company in the Myrtle Beach area. Atlantic Stage was formed in August 2008 and is comprised of professional directors and designers, as well as professional actors and stage managers who are members of the Actors Equity Association. Atlantic Stage is committed to bringing the Myrtle Beach area the best in Broadway, Off-Broadway and new plays from regional theatre across the United States. Atlantic Stage is a not-for-profit theatre and is funded through ticket sales, private donations, and in kind donations from Coastal Carolina University, the Department of Theatre and individuals. For more information, visit www.atlanticstage.com.

The web site (www.atlanticstage.com) was designed by graphic design artist Daryl Fazio of www.DarylFazio.com and purposed to be both an easy to navigate informational tool as well as a hands-on space where visitors can book tickets, become a subscriber or learn about latest events.