

# Powerful PBS Documentary on Domestic Violence to Premiere at Newseum on May 18; Actress and Activist Mariska Hargitay to Introduce the Film and Speak



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WASHINGTON, May 11 / PRNewswire/ -- Actress and domestic violence prevention activist Mariska Hargitay, of NBC-TV's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," will introduce and appear in "Telling Amy's Story," a powerful documentary on domestic violence that will premiere May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newseum, prior to being broadcast on PBS stations nationwide starting in June. The documentary, created by Penn State Public Broadcasting, chronicles the time leading up to the death of Amy Homan McGee, a mother of two who was shot and killed by her husband. A question-and-answer session to include Sheryl Cates, president and CEO of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, will follow. ■

## WHO:

**Mariska Hargitay**, actress and founder of the Joyful Heart Foundation  
**Tom Perrelli**, associate attorney general of the United States  
**Sheryl Cates**, president and CEO, the National Domestic Violence Hotline  
**Deirdri Fishel**, detective, State College (Pa.) Police Department, who stars in the film  
**Melanie Doebler**, director, Penn State Public Broadcasting  
**Steve Garban**, vice chairman, Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees  
**Dan Mead**, chief operating officer, Verizon Wireless  
**Kathryn C. Brown**, senior vice president, public policy development and corporate responsibility, Verizon

## WHAT:

Premiere of "Telling Amy's Story," followed by question-and-answer session

## WHEN:

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18

Media invited to arrive at 6:15 p.m. to set up for arrivals, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 pm. – 7:15 p.m. reception, interviews available upon request.

7:30 p.m. – "Telling Amy's Story" premiere

## WHERE:

Newseum  
555 Pennsylvania Ave. Northwest  
Washington, D.C.

## BACKGROUND:

"Telling Amy's Story" will begin airing on PBS stations throughout the country on June. 1. The documentary expands on a partnership between Penn State University and the Verizon Foundation to address the issue of domestic violence. The foundation awarded grants of \$385,000 to Penn State to fund a domestic violence prevention training program for Penn State students and faculty and to create the "Telling Amy's Story" documentary.