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***Philadelphia Stories* Season 5 Premieres on WYBE**

Philadelphia, PA (December 19, 2006) -- On Tuesday, November 7, WYBE Independent Television will debut an extraordinary limited series by a talented local filmmaker. The series is called *Heavy Sedation*, and the filmmaker is Philadelphia native Shannon Newby.

Featuring an ensemble of local actors, the weekly anthology series combines suspense, mystery, and science fiction short films. Newby, a resident of Philadelphia's West Oak Lane neighborhood, is "a self proclaimed film geek and loyal fan of Alfred Hitchcock." He says "the series is an opportunity for me to share the hundreds of bizarre story ideas I've been writing over the years" Each story includes his trademark glimmer of hope-- positive messages that often surprise the audience.

Joni Helton, WYBE's Director of Programming, explains, "*Heavy Sedation* is heavy on imaginative storytelling and emotional appeal. Every story is unique, and they're all a lot of fun to watch. Shannon Newby is an extremely talented filmmaker, and we're thrilled to show his work to Philadelphia audiences."

The title of the show, *Heavy Sedation*, is not a reference to drug use, but instead a reference to the storytelling. Newby explains, "Storytelling should be so intriguing that people are unable to turn away until the film ends. I want viewers to be 'Heavily Sedated' by the TV."

Heavy Sedation is sponsored by OARC and Cornbread and Coffee. The series premieres Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 PM and repeats Saturdays at 11PM on WYBE Independent Television, Channel 35. This limited series will air on until March 2007.