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*“Sue Costello’s charismatic performance is mesmerizing as you march with her through her teenage years on the Dorchester streets through her life in New York and Hollywood.” –Colin Quinn*

*“...a wonderful journey filled with lots of laughter and love.”*

*-Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara.*

*“Sue’s show was amazing, hilarious, dark and brutally honest, Run don’t walk to the theatre!”  
- Molly Shannon*

**Dorchester’s SUE COSTELLO Brings Her  
Acclaimed One-Woman Show Home to Boston**

**“Minus 32 Million Words” Set to Run at Boston Center for the Arts  
March 17<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Shows Weds and Thurs @7:30pm; Fri @8pm, Sat@3pm and 8pm, Sun @3pm*

Boston, MA – February 8, 2010 – She’s b-a-ack! **Sue Costello**, Dorchester native and acclaimed comic, actor and writer, is set for her triumphant return to the Boston area with the 3-week run of her one-woman show “*Minus 32 Million Words*” at **The Plaza Black Box Theatre** at the **Boston Center for the Arts**, opening March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The show—alternately hilarious and heartbreaking—tracks Costello’s life growing up in a chaotic home in Dorchester and how it led her to a desperate need for fame and money, and to the final realization that it was all part of a spiritual quest to find her authentic self. “I’m so proud to be bringing my show home to Boston,” says Costello. “I had to leave to get perspective, but now I know that without my roots, I never would have been able to fly.”

Sue Costello is in a good position to look back with gratitude—and with laughter. She just wrapped up a busy 2009 filming “*The Fighter*” (with Christian Bale, Mark Wahlberg and Amy Adams) and taping her stand-up act for Comedy.tv, in addition to her successful New York City run of *Minus 32 Million Words*.

Rave reviews have poured in for *Minus 32 Million Words*, the show that mixes Costello’s street smart Boston savvy with her ability to bring a room full of patrons to tears—combining her trademark take-no-prisoners cutting wit and a poignant vulnerability. Through her irrepressible spirit and powerful delivery, Sue proves that her past does not have to become her future and shares that hope and joy with her audiences. Kristen Johnston called the show “brilliant and agonizingly funny,” and Kevin Nealon commented, “Great characters, great writing and hilarious delivery. She is the next

Whoopi...only not black.” Patricia Clarkson agreed, saying "Sue Costello is an incredible talent – I LOVED this show!"

As to the origin of the show’s title, Costello explains: “The show is called *Minus 32 Million Words* because my whole life I used my fists or name-calling as a way to communicate. People were always telling me to use my words. When I moved away and finally began to educate myself, I read an article in the New York Times that said that poor kids hear 32 million less words than rich kids. I wrote about my journey after reading that article. Nothing was going to hold me back from expressing myself, I still had something to say—even if I didn't have the words. It's a story of hope, courage, redemption and life. This story is for everyone out there who has secrets that are burying them alive.”

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#### **About Sue Costello**

Sue Costello co-created, produced, and starred in the self-titled Boston-based sitcom “Costello”, for the Fox Network. She has also appeared on “NYPD BLUE”, “Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn”, and “Last Comic Standing”. Ms. Costello has appeared in feature films “Southie” with Donnie Wahlberg, and in “Once in the Life” with Laurence Fishburne. This year, Sue Costello will be appearing in the upcoming film “The Fighter”, starring Christian Bale, Amy Adams, and Mark Wahlberg, due out this spring.

#### **About The Boston Center for the Arts**

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