

NAMI Grand Rapids Area presents:

# Mary Pat Gleason

## "Stopping Traffic"



**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**7:00 PM, Festival Seating**

Performance followed by 30 min Q&A

Reif Performing Arts Center, Grand Rapids, MN

**Free Will Donations Accepted at the Door**

"Stopping Traffic", written and performed by Mary Pat Gleason, is a humorous but honest one-woman show where Mary Pat herself relives her astonishing lifelong experiences of bipolar disorder.

Mary Pat Gleason (Performer/Playwright) has had the pleasure of working with many great directors including Steven Soderbergh on the film TRAFFIC. Some of her other film appearances include WRISTCUTTERS, THE ISLAND, INTOLERABLE CRUELTY, THE CRUCIBLE, A CINDERELLA STORY, and EVOLUTION. Gleason has appeared in Hallmark Hall of Fame's and has guest-starred on virtually every television season, including multiple appearances on the hit sit com MOM. In regional theatre she has appeared at Mark Taper Forum, the Tiffany Theatre, the Pasadena Playhouse, Meadowbrook Theatre, Walnut Street Theatre, Cohoes Music Hall, and Manhattan Theatre Club. Mary Pat played Jane Hogan on GUIDING LIGHT and won an Emmy for editing the show in 1986. She was invited to HBO's 1999 Comedy Festival in Nancy Shayne's production of TWO BITTER WOMEN IN A COFFEE SHOP.

**Come meet the performer Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM during the Mental Health Walk & Lunch hosted by The Kiesler Wellness Center. The walk will start at The Depot and finish at the United Methodist Church where lunch will be served.**



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