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**Former “Little House” Actress to Give Encore Performance  
for LIFELONG AIDS Alliance**

Citizens of Seattle: Do you ever lie awake at night agonizing over whether Tori Spelling’s boobs are real? When friends are engrossed in trivial discussions of climate change or politics, do you secretly wish they were talking about Michael Landon’s sex life instead? How about this: Have you ever fantasized about paying an attractive, sophisticated woman to dress like a loathsome nineteenth century prairie brat and make hideous faces at you?

You do?

You have?

Excellent! We have just the show for you.

This September, former child star Alison Arnglim (aka “Nellie Oleson” from *Little House on the Prairie*) will be coming to Seattle to give two benefit performances of her quirky

comedy show “Confessions of a Prairie Bitch” at the *Re-bar* in downtown Seattle. During these shows Arngrim will indulge these wicked urges of yours—and many more.

Arngrim’s one-woman show is part confessional and part Hollywood gossip column, combined with an utterly self-indulgent trip down memory lane for actress and audience alike. The coup de grâce comes with the creepy, campy reincarnation of the shrewish Nellie, who emerges from the shadows of Arngrim’s psyche like the spirit of a lost child knocking on a séance table.

After each show Arngrim does an “Ask Alison Anything” session, where she discusses some of her favorite screwball questions from fans and then takes questions from the audience. (That’s the part where the truth is revealed about T.S.’s boobs, so naturally it’s worth waiting for.)

### **Role-Playing with a Purpose**

“Confessions of a Prairie Bitch” has played to sold-out houses in the US and Europe and has delighted audiences all over the Northwest, including Seattle, Portland and Vancouver, B.C. This time around, however, Arngrim is here to do more than just make people feel comfortable with their “Little House” fetishes. She’s donating all proceeds from the two Seattle shows to LIFELONG AIDS Alliance, the Pacific Northwest’s leading AIDS service organization.

In real life, Arngrim is nothing like the scheming prima donna of the prairie that she played next to the goody-good Ingalls girls. “Alison’s really a caring person,” says show coordinator and personal friend, David Wash, “and that really comes across in her show.”

Earlier this year, Wash, who volunteers for LIFELONG as a grocery deliverer for the Chicken Soup Brigade, was talking with Arngrim about a close friend named Curtis who

had recently been diagnosed with AIDS and was losing his short-term memory. Arngrim wanted to do something to show her concern. "I've played Seattle before," she said. "Why don't I come back there and do an HIV/AIDS benefit performance in Curtis's honor?" Wash told her that he couldn't afford to pay her anything. "Just get me to Seattle somehow," Arngrim replied. "I'll do the rest."

LIFELONG's executive director, David Richert, is pleased with the collaboration. "I'm excited that Alison Arngrim is so passionate about our cause and is donating proceeds from her comedy show to LIFELONG. With the funds donated from the show we will be able to continue our work caring for people, advocating for change, preventing new infections and creating community."

The shows will be 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11 and Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Both shows will be at the Re-bar, at 1114 Howell Street in the South Lake Union district. Tickets are \$16 and are available at Brown Paper Tickets ([www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)) (800) 838-3006.

Tickets will also be available at the door. More info on the show is available online at [www.seattlelovesnellie.com](http://www.seattlelovesnellie.com). The doors will open for both shows at 6:30 p.m. The bar opens at 7:00 p.m. This is a strictly 21-and-over show.

**Note:** At Thursday's show, a special "Dinner with Alison" will be auctioned off and will include a chauffeured limousine (provided by Amy's Limousine Service) and a meal for the lucky winner and a guest at a trendy Seattle restaurant. All proceeds from the "Dinner with Alison" will go to LIFELONG AIDS Alliance.

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