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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**THE PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY REPLACES JEFF DANIELS'  
THE FABULOUS FARKLEBERRYS WITH NEIL SIMON'S THE GOOD DOCTOR**  
Performances Will Now Be October 2 Through December 20, 2003

The Purple Rose Theatre Company will start the 2003-2004 theatre season with a Neil Simon comedy, ***The Good Doctor***, as a replacement for the previously announced Jeff Daniels' collection of short comedies, ***The Fabulous Farkleberrys***. The change of productions will force a one week delay in the start of the Purple Rose Theatre Company's season.

Seven low-priced Previews of ***The Good Doctor*** will be performed from Thursday, October 2 through Thursday, October 9, with a Press Opening Night on Friday, October 10. Performances for the remainder of the engagement will be Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:00 PM with Saturday matinees at 3:00 PM and Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. (*Editor's Note: Please find a daily performance calendar including ticket prices on page 2*). All performances are at the Purple Rose Theatre Company's newly renovated home: 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

In announcing the change in productions, Daniels stated "I'm disappointed that, as a playwright, I could not deliver the quality material worthy of The Purple Rose Theatre Company and its audience." His last original play, ***Across The Way***, had its World Premiere on the PRTC stage last October and was one of the top six finalists for the 2002 Best New Play Award by the American Theatre Critics Association. Daniels, who has returned to New York for filming of ***Imaginary Heroes*** with Sigourney Weaver, added "I still have some new play ideas and will continue to write for future Purple Rose productions."

PRTC Artistic Director Guy Sanville was directing ***The Fabulous Farkleberrys*** and chose ***The Good Doctor*** as the replacement production for the start of the 2003-2004 season. Sanville says, "We are excited that our audience will get a chance to experience the work of America's most prolific master of stage comedy for the first time on the Purple Rose stage. I think we were made for each other."

***The Good Doctor*** is a composite of sketches and stories written by Neil Simon based on earlier works of Russian master, Anton Chekhov. ***The Good Doctor*** featured Rene Auberjonois, Barnard Hughes, Marsha Mason, Christopher Plummer and Frances Sternhagen when it opened a successful Broadway engagement on November 27, 1973. The PRTC production will feature a collection of Purple Rose favorite performers including Sandra Birch (***Stand, Blithe Spirit***), Ryan Carlson (***Born Yesterday, Hope for Corky***), Terry Heck (***Born Yesterday, Blithe Spirit***), Tobin Hissong (***Born Yesterday, Hope for Corky***), Paul Hopper (***Guys On Ice, Rain Dance***), and Tom Whalen (***Guys On Ice, Let It Be***); The Purple Rose Theatre Company is also proud to announce the professional debut of Molly Thomas in

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this production. (*Editors' Note: Individual biographies of each cast member are available for hometown stories or interviews by calling the Purple Rose Theatre Company at 734-433 -PRTC).*

This production of **The Good Doctor** is directed by PRTC Artistic Director Guy Sanville. The production design for **The Good Doctor** includes set design by Andrew Gorney, costume design by Darcy Elora Hofer, lighting design by Reid G. Johnson, prop design by Danna Segrest and sound design by Quintessa Duffield. The stage manager for **The Good Doctor** is Amy Hickman with Michelle DiDomenico as Assistant Stage Manager.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company production of **The Good Doctor** is generously funded in-part by Meijer, Inc.

The Purple Rose Box Office will handle all exchanges, cancellations and refunds for patrons who had already reserved tickets for **The Fabulous Farkleberrys**. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at 734-433 - ROSE (7673). The PRTC Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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PREVIEW PERFORMANCES			
Thursday, October 2*	8:00 PM		\$17.50
Friday, October 3*	8:00 PM		\$25.00
Saturday, October 4*	3:00 PM		\$17.50
Saturday, October 4*	8:00 PM		\$25.00
Sunday, October 5*	2:00 PM		\$17.50
Wednesday, October 9	8:00 PM		\$17.50
Thursday, October 10	8:00 PM		\$17.50
* Talk back following performance			
REGULAR SCHEDULE			
Friday, October 10	8:00 PM	\$32.50	Press Opening Night
Saturday, October 11	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, October 11	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, October 12	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, October 15	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, October 16	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, October 17	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, October 18	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, October 18	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, October 19	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, October 22	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, October 23	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, October 24	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, October 25	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, October 25	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, October 26	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, October 29	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, October 30	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, October 31	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, November 1	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, November 1	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, November 2	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, November 5	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, November 6	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, November 7	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, November 8	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, November 8	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, November 9	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, November 12	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, November 13	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, November 14	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, November 15	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, November 15	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, November 16	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, November 19	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, November 20	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, November 21	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, November 22	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, November 22	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, November 23	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, November 26	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, November 27			Thanksgiving - No Show
Friday, November 28	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, November 29	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, November 29	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, November 30	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, December 3	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, December 4	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, December 5	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, December 6	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, December 6	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, December 7	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, December 10	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, December 11	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, December 12	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, December 13	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, December 13	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Sunday, December 14	2:00 PM	\$27.50	
Wednesday, December 17	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Thursday, December 18	8:00 PM	\$22.50	
Friday, December 19	8:00 PM	\$32.50	
Saturday, December 20	3:00 PM	\$27.50	
Saturday, December 20	8:00 PM	\$32.50	Closing Night