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CONSIDER THE OYSTER BY DAVID MACGREGOR OPENS JUNE 24

Final World Premiere by local playwright in Purple Rose 20th anniversary season

CHELSEA, Mich. — The Purple Rose Theatre Company is proud to present the final World Premiere of the 20th anniversary season this summer: *Consider the Oyster* by David MacGregor. The production will enjoy a twelve-week engagement from Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, September 3, 2011. Seven low-price previews of *Consider the Oyster* will be performed from Thursday, June 16, through Thursday, June 23, with Press Opening on Friday, June 24, 2011. Regular performances for the duration of the engagement are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:00 PM with Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 3:00 PM and Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. (*Editor's Note: A complete performance schedule including pricing and added performance dates can be found on page 3.*) All performances are held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Consider the Oyster is a contemporary new comedy about what it means to love. During the celebration of a Detroit Lions Super Bowl victory, Gene Walsh impulsively proposes marriage to the love of his life. When she joyously accepts, he tumbles over the coffee table. This chance fall begins a hilarious cascade of startling twists that turn the happy couple's future upside down and inside out. *Consider the Oyster* contains strong language and adult themes.

Purple Rose artistic director Guy Sanville will direct Matthew David (*Flint, MI*), Stacie Hadgikosti (*Roseville, MI*), Sarab Kamoo (*Lathrup Village, MI*), Michael Brian Ogden (*Berkley, MI*) and Rhiannon Ragland (*Flint, MI*). (*Editor's Note: Cast interviews and complete biographies are available by calling 734.433.7782.*)

Design for *Consider the Oyster* includes set by Dennis G. Crawley, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Sally L. Converse-Doucette, lighting by Reid G. Johnson and sound by Tom Whalen. Stephanie Buck stage manages.

Consider the Oyster is exclusively underwritten by The Mosaic Foundation (of R. & P. Heydon) and produced in media partnership with Michigan Radio.

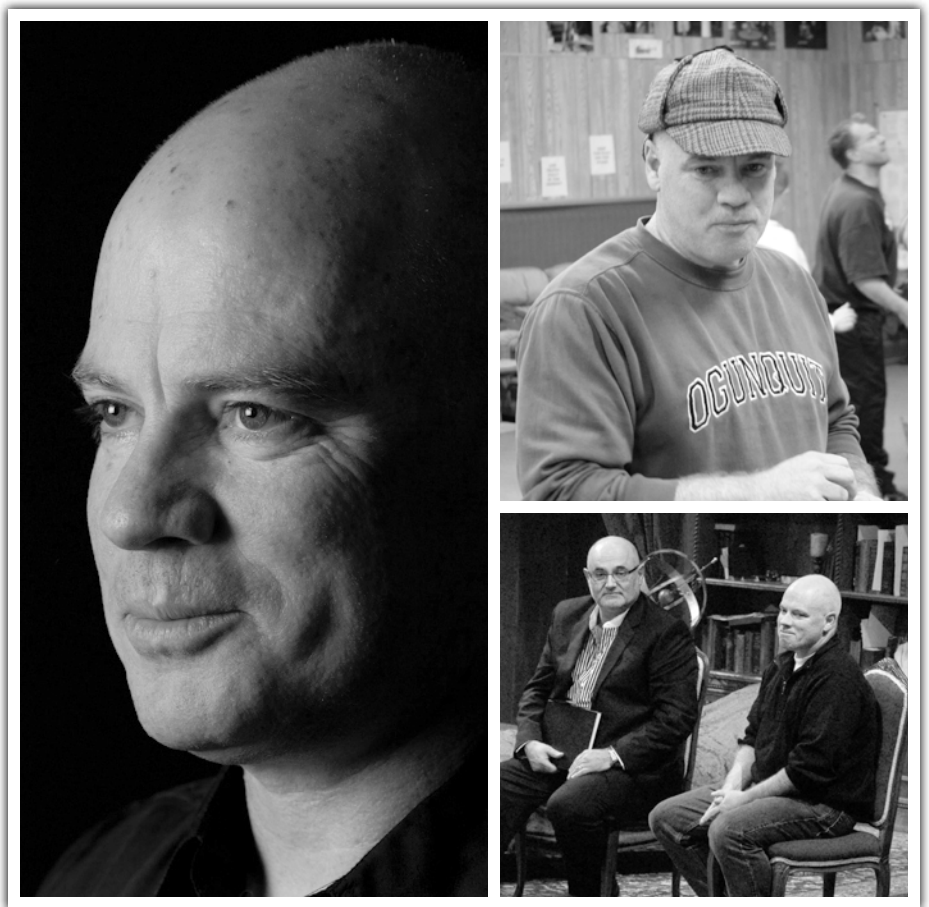
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Founded in 1991 by acclaimed actor and Chelsea-native Jeff Daniels, The Purple Rose Theatre Company is a leading American theatre dedicated to producing the new American play and creating opportunities for Midwest theatre professionals. The PRTC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit theatre operating under a Small Professional Theatre agreement with the Actors' Equity Association. The PRTC promotes the development of new American theatre and its practitioners, provides valuable educational opportunities for young artists, and through consistently high quality production values has earned the respect of both local and national theatre communities.

Tickets are available by phone at 734.433.7673; Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Tickets are also available at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

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meet the playwright

DAVID MACGREOR

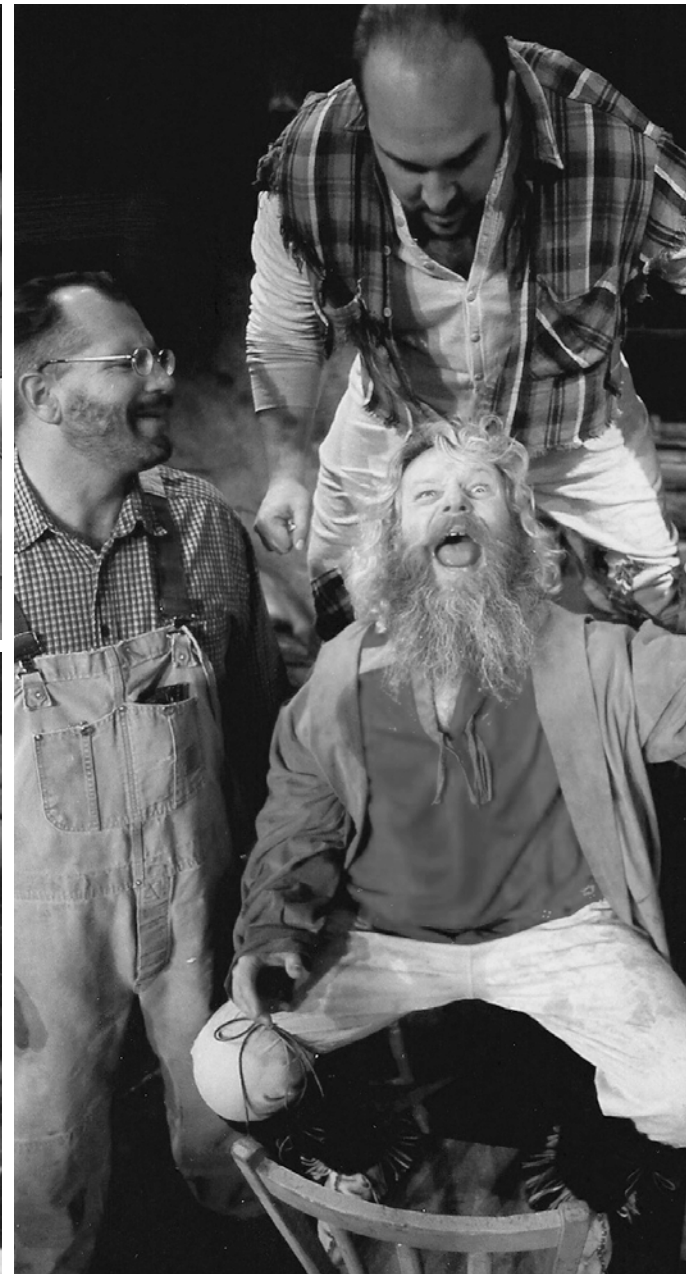
David was born in Detroit and is a lifelong Michigander. He has sold or optioned numerous screenplays and won screenwriting awards from the American Cinema Foundation (1998) and *Fade In Magazine* (1999); he was also chosen as one of ten finalists in the 2001 Motion Picture Academy's Nicholl Fellowship Competition. His most recent screenplay, *Shadowplayers*, was just optioned by Fishbowl Films. On the theatrical side, his plays have been performed throughout North America and Europe. In 2002, *The Late Great Henry Boyle* premiered at the B Street Theatre in Sacramento, California, and subsequently received its Midwest Premiere at The Purple Rose Theatre Company in 2006. In 2008, his dark comedy, *Vino Veritas*, premiered at the PRTC and subsequently enjoyed a sold-out run as part of the Nebraska Repertory Theatre's 2009 season.

consider the OYSTER



PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 16	8PM	\$20	preview w/ talkback
Friday, June 17	8PM	\$25	preview w/ talkback
Saturday, June 18	3PM	\$25	preview w/ talkback
Saturday, June 18	8PM	\$30	preview w/ talkback
Sunday, June 19	2PM	\$25	preview w/ talkback
Wednesday, June 22	8PM	\$20	preview
Thursday, June 23	8PM	\$20	preview
Friday, June 24	8PM	\$35	opening night
Saturday, June 25	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, June 25	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, June 26	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, June 29	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, June 29	SOLD OUT		private event
Thursday, June 30	8PM	\$25	
Friday, July 1	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 2	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 2	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, July 3	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, July 6	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, July 6	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, July 7	8PM	\$25	
Friday, July 8	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 9	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 9	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, July 10	2PM	\$35	Backstage Pass
Wednesday, July 13	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, July 13	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, July 14	8PM	\$25	
Friday, July 15	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 16	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 16	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, July 17	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, July 20	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, July 20	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, July 21	8PM	\$25	
Friday, July 22	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 23	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 23	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, July 24	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, July 27	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, July 27	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, July 28	8PM	\$25	
Friday, July 29	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 30	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, July 30	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, July 31	2PM	\$35	Chelsea Sounds & Sights Festival
Wednesday, August 3	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, August 3	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, August 4	8PM	\$25	
Friday, August 5	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 6	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 6	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, August 7	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, August 10	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, August 10	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, August 11	8PM	\$25	
Friday, August 12	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 13	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 13	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, August 14	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, August 17	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, August 17	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, August 18	8PM	\$25	
Friday, August 19	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 20	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 20	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, August 21	2PM	\$35	
Wednesday, August 24	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, August 24	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, August 25	8PM	\$25	
Friday, August 26	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 27	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, August 27	8PM	\$40	
Sunday, August 28	2PM	\$35	
Tuesday, August 30	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, August 31	3PM	\$25	
Wednesday, August 31	8PM	\$25	
Thursday, September 1	8PM	\$25	
Friday, September 2	8PM	\$35	
Saturday, September 3	3PM	\$35	
Saturday, September 3	8PM	\$40	closing night



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