

## **THE PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**

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### **PURPLE ROSE PRESENTS A SUMMER COMEDY THAT GRANTS LOVE A SECOND CHANCE.**

**The Last Romance by Joe DiPietro begins previews on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

CHELSEA, Mich. — The Purple Rose Theatre Company presents the final production of the 2013 / 2014 season, *The Last Romance* by Joe DiPietro. A crush can make anyone feel young again – even a widower named Ralph. On an ordinary day in a routine life, Ralph decides to take a different path on his daily walk – one that leads him to an unexpected second chance at love. Despite the misgivings of family and the initial reluctance of Carol, the object of his affections, Ralph embarks on the trip of a lifetime and regains a happiness that seemed all but lost. *The Last Romance* is a heart-warming comedy about the transformative power of love.

*The Last Romance* will enjoy a twelve-week engagement at The Purple Rose Theatre Company from Thursday, June 12 – Saturday, August 30, 2014. Eight low-priced previews will be performed Thursday, June 12 – Thursday, June 19, with Press Opening on Friday, June 20, 2014. Regular performances for the duration of the run 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 can be found on pages 2-4).

PRTC Resident Artist and staff member, Michelle Mountain, will be directing *The Last Romance*. The cast includes Andrew Buckshaw (Canton, MI), Ryan Dooley (Canton, MI), Franette Liebow (River Forest, IL), Priscilla Lindsay (Ann Arbor, MI), Will David Young (Milford, MI), Blue Belle (Chelsea, MI), and Tucker (Chelsea, MI). (Editor's Note: Director and cast interviews and complete biographies are available by calling 734.433.7782).

Design for this production includes set by Vincent Mountain, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Rhiannon Ragland, lighting by Reid G. Johnson, sound by Tom Whalen and stage managed by Stephanie Buck.

Underwriting support for the season comes from The Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family, and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Production sponsorship is provided by Donna & Craig Common, "JIFFY" Mix, and Domino's Pizza L.L.C. Media sponsors include Michigan Radio, ChelseaMich.com and Applied Storytelling. All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.



Founded in 1991 by actor and Chelsea native, Jeff Daniels, The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) is the home of world-class, original American theatre. The PRTC is a professional theatre company with roots in the Midwest that takes a handcrafted, artisanal approach to producing new and classic American plays that are nothing less than one-of-a-kind experiences. The PRTC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit professional theatre operating under a Small Professional Theatre agreement with the Actors' Equity Association.

Tickets are available for purchase now. Ticket reservations can be made by calling The Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at (734) 433-7673 or online at [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org).

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## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thur, June 12	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$22	Talkback
Fri, June 13	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$27	Talkback
Sat, June 14	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$27	Talkback
Sat, June 14	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$32	Talkback
Sun, June 15	2:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$27	Talkback
Wed, June 18	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$22	
Wed, June 18	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$22	
Thur, June 19	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$22	
Fri, June 20	8:00 PM	OPENING	\$37	Press Opening
Sat, June 21	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, June 21	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, June 22	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, June 25	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, June 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, June 26	8:00 PM	PRIVATE EVENT		
Fri, June 27	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, June 28	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, June 28	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, June 29	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, July 2	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, July 2	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, July 3	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, July 4	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	Independence Day
Sat, July 5	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	



Sat, July 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, July 6	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, July 9	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, July 9	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, July 10	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, July 11	8:00 PM	Evening	\$18.50	Ford Friday w/ Talkback
Sat, July 12	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, July 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, July 13	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, July 16	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, July 16	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, July 17	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, July 18	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, July 19	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, July 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, July 20	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, July 23	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, July 23	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, July 24	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, July 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, July 26	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, July 26	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, July 27	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, July 30	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, July 30	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, July 31	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, August 1	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, August 2	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, August 2	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, August 3	8:00 PM	PRIVATE EVENT		
Wed, August 6	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, August 6	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, August 7	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, August 8	8:00 PM	Evening	\$18.50	Ford Friday w/ Talkback
Sat, August 9	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, August 9	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, August 10	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	



Tue, August 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	added evening
Wed, August 13	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Thur, August 14	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, August 15	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, August 16	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, August 16	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, August 17	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, August 20	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, August 20	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, August 21	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, August 22	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, August 23	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, August 23	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, August 24	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Wed, August 27	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, August 27	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Thur, August 28	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	added matinee
Thur, August 28	8:00 PM	Evening	\$27	
Fri, August 29	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, August 30	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, August 30	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	Closing Night