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PURPLE ROSE KICKS OFF 2014-15 SEASON WITH A MICHIGAN PREMIERE OF AN OFF-BROADWAY SENSATION!

***Annapurna* by Sharr White begins in previews Thursday, September 18**

CHELSEA, Mich. — The Purple Rose Theatre Company is thrilled to bring the bittersweet comedy, *Annapurna* by Sharr White to Michigan for the first production of their 24th Season.

What if you had experienced the defining moment of your life – but couldn't remember it? Sharr White's heartfelt and remarkable play, *Annapurna*, deals with that dilemma and the unpredictable eccentricities of love. Named for the Himalayan Mountain, marriage can be just that kind of peak; we are compelled to make the climb, but not all of us survive the journey intact. Join us for this bittersweet comedy by one of America's most vibrant and lyrical new playwrights. *Annapurna* contains partial nudity, adult language and themes.

Annapurna will enjoy a fourteen-week engagement at The Purple Rose Theatre Company from Thursday, September 18 – Saturday, December 20, 2014. Seven low-priced previews will be performed Thursday, September 18 – Wednesday, September 24, with Press Opening on Friday, September 26, 2014. Regular performances for the duration of the run are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM, with Saturday matinees at 3:00 PM and Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. Please note the new times and low prices for Wednesday and Thursday performances this season! (*Editor's Note: A complete performance schedule including pricing can be found on page 2*).

Directed by PRTC Artistic Director, Guy Sanville, the cast includes Richard McWilliams (Dayton, OH) and Michelle Mountain (Grass Lake, MI).

Underwriting support for the season comes from The Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Production sponsorship for *Annapurna* comes from the Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center, Chelsea State Bank, Classic Turning Inc., and Curtis & Curtis, P.C. Media Sponsors include Michigan Radio, ChelseaMich.com, Detroit Performs, 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 today. Ticket reservations can be made by calling The Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at (734) 433-7673 or online at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performance Date	Time	Type	Price	Notes
Week 1				
Thur, Sept 18	7:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$12	Preview with Talkback
Fri, Sept 19	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$27	Preview with Talkback
Sat, Sept 20	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$27	Preview with Talkback
Sat, Sept 20	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$32	Preview with Talkback
Sun, Sept 21	2:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$27	Preview with Talkback
Week 2				
Wed, Sept 24	2:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$22	
Wed, Sept 24	7:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$12	
Thur, Sept 25	7:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$12	Private Event
Fri, Sept 26	8:00 PM	OPENING	\$37	Opening Night
Sat, Sept 27	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Sept 27	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Sept 28	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 3				
Wed, Oct 1	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Oct 1	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Oct 2	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Oct 3	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Oct 4	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Oct 4	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Oct 5	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 4				
Wed, Oct 8	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Oct 8	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Oct 9	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Oct 10	8:00 PM	Evening	\$18.50	Ford Friday w/ Talkback
Sat, Oct 11	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Oct 11	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Oct 12	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 5				
Wed, Oct 15	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Oct 15	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Oct 16	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Oct 17	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Oct 18	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Oct 18	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Oct 19	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 6				
Wed, Oct 22	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Oct 22	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Oct 23	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Oct 24	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Oct 25	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Oct 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	

Sun, Oct 26	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 7				
Wed, Oct 29	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Oct 29	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Oct 30	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	added matinee (no Halloween show)
Thur, Oct 30	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Sat, Nov 1	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Nov 1	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Nov 2	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 8				
Wed, Nov 5	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Nov 5	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Nov 6	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Nov 7	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Nov 8	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Nov 8	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Nov 9	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 9				
Wed, Nov 12	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Nov 12	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Nov 13	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Nov 14	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Nov 15	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Nov 15	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Nov 16	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 10				
Wed, Nov 19	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Nov 19	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Nov 20	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Nov 21	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Nov 22	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Nov 22	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Nov 23	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 11				
Wed, Nov 26	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Nov 26	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Nov 28	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	added matinee (no Thanksgiving show)
Fri, Nov 28	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Nov 29	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Nov 29	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sat, Nov 30	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 12				
Wed, Dec 3	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Dec 3	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Dec 4	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Dec 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$18.50	Ford Friday w/ Talkback
Sat, Dec 6	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Dec 6	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Dec 7	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 13				
Wed, Dec 10	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Dec 10	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Dec 11	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Dec 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Dec 13	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Dec 13	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	
Sun, Dec 14	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Week 14				
Wed, Dec 17	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	
Wed, Dec 17	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Thur, Dec 18	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$27	added matinee
Thur, Dec 18	7:00 PM	Evening	\$15	
Fri, Dec 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$37	
Sat, Dec 20	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$37	
Sat, Dec 20	8:00 PM	Evening	\$42	Closing Night