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“Morning’s At Seven”

The Purple Rose Theatre celebrates love and family with a Paul Osborn classic

CHELSEA, Mich. (May 10, 2016)— [The Purple Rose Theatre Company](#) will conclude its 25th anniversary season with “Morning’s At Seven”, an American classic by Paul Osborn.

“Morning’s At Seven”, is that rare thing – a gentle comedy about folks just like us. The story, set in a small Midwestern town in 1938, revolves around four sisters, two of whom shake things up when they decide to change their lives while they still have time.

The show will run from Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, August 27, 2016 (changed from previously published September 3 closing date due to upcoming renovations to the theater’s backstage area). Previews, with reduced-price tickets, begin Thursday June 16; opening night is Friday, June 24.

Director Michelle Mountain is “delighted to welcome back and have the opportunity to work with so many wonderful actors and designers. The show is going to be gorgeous, full of heart and humor and love; a special window into the lives of one special set of sisters.”

“Morning’s At Seven” originally debuted on Broadway in 1939, and later returned for a Tony Award-winning production for best Broadway revival in 1980. Playwright Paul Osborn’s family and neighbors served as inspiration for many of the show’s characters. After growing up in Kalamazoo, MI and graduating from the University of Michigan, Osborn went on to study playwriting at Yale. His other works include “Hotbed”, “The Vinegar Tree”, and “On Borrowed Time”.

The cast of “Morning’s At Seven” features Ann Arborites Ruth Crawford and Hugh Maguire, as well as Susan Craves (Clarkston), Laural Merlington (Grand Rapids), Rusty Mewha (Plymouth), Rhiannon Ragland (Gregory) and Tom Whalen (Royal Oak). Joining them from out of state are Franette Liebow (River Forest, IL) and Richard McWilliams (Dayton, OH).

Set design is by Sarah Pearline, properties by Katherine Nelson, costumes by Suzanne Young, lighting by

Reid G. Johnson, and sound by Brad Philips. Angie Kane Ferrante is the stage manager.

Underwriting support for the season comes from the Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Sage Foundation, The Shubert Foundation, and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. “Morning’s At Seven” production sponsor is Classic Turning, Inc. Media sponsors include Michigan Radio, ChelseaMich.com, Detroit Performs, and Applied Storytelling.

Ticket Information

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Tickets are available for purchase beginning Monday, May 9. Prices range from \$19 to \$43 each with special discounts for students, seniors and groups. For more information or to make reservations call The Purple Rose Theatre Company box office at (734) 433-7673 or go online at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

About the Purple Rose Theatre Company

Founded in 1991 by actor, playwright, musician and Chelsea native Jeff Daniels, the Purple Rose Theatre Company is a creative home for original American plays. In the 168-seat theatre, patrons experience an intimate encounter with live theatre.

The PRTC also provides an apprenticeship program, performance classes, readings, lectures and tours. It commissions new work from established and early-career playwrights. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit professional theatre, the PRTC operates under a Small Professional Theatre agreement with the Actors’ Equity Association.

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Performance Schedule for the “Morning’s At Seven” at the PRTC

Performance Date	Time	Type	Price	Notes
Week 1				
Thur, June 16	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$20	Talkback
Fri, June 17	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
Sat, June 18	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
Sat, June 18	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$33	Talkback
Sun, June 19	2:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback / Father's Day

Week 2

Wed, June 22	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$23	
Thur, June 23	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$20	
Fri, June 24	8:00 PM	OPENING	\$38	Opening photos/Lobby reception
Sat, June 25	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, June 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, June 26	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

Week 3

Wed, June 29	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, June 30	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, July 1	8:00 PM	Evening	\$19	Ford Friday w/ talkback
Sat, July 2	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, July 2	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, July 3	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

Week 4

Wed, July 6	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, July 7	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, July 8	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, July 9	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, July 9	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, July 10	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

Week 5

Wed, July 13	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, July 14	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, July 15	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, July 16	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, July 16	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, July 17	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

Week 6

Wed, July 20	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, July 21	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, July 22	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, July 23	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, July 23	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, July 24	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

Week 7

Wed, July 27	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, July 28	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	added matinee
Thur, July 28	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, July 29	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, July 30	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	(no 8pm due to Lights Up event)
Sun, July 31	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

Week 8

Wed, Aug 3	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Aug 4	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Aug 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	

Sat, Aug 6	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Aug 6	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Aug 7	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

Week 9

Wed, Aug 10	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Aug 11	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Aug 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$19
Sat, Aug 13	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Aug 13	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Aug 14	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

Ford Friday w/ talkback

Week 10

Wed, Aug 17	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Aug 18	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Fri, Aug 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Aug 20	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Aug 20	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Aug 21	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

added matinee

Week 11

Wed, Aug 24	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Aug 25	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Aug 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Aug 26	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Aug 27	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Aug 27	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43

Closing Night