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**PURPLE ROSE KICKS OFF 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH A JEFF DANIELS WORLD-PREMIERE COMEDY!**

***Casting Session*  by Jeff Daniels begins previews Thursday, September 17th**

CHELSEA, Mich. — The Purple Rose Theatre Company is thrilled to kick off its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season with the world-premiere comedy, *Casting Session*, by theatre Founder Jeff Daniels!

Frank and Ron are two middle-aged actors who have been competing for the same roles in New York City and beyond for thirty years. Join us for this hilarious world premiere comedy that explores the lengths to which actors will go to get the part. *Casting Session* contains adult language.

*Casting Session* will enjoy a fourteen-week engagement at The Purple Rose Theatre Company from Thursday, September 17 – Saturday, December 19, 2015. Seven low-priced previews will be performed Thursday, September 17 – Thursday, September 24, with Press Opening on Friday, September 25, 2015. Regular performances for the duration of the run are Wednesdays at 3:00 PM, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:00 PM, Saturdays at 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM, and Sundays at 2:00 PM. (*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 Tom Whalen (Royal Oak, MI), David Daoust (Lansing, MI), and Erika Matchie Thiede (Chelsea, MI).

Design for this production includes set by Bartley H. Bauer, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Shelby Newport, lighting by Dana L. White, sound by Angie Kane Ferrante, and stage managed by Angie Kane Ferrante.

Underwriting support for the season comes from the Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, the Sage Foundation, The Shubert Foundation, and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. *Casting Session* production sponsorship is made possible through support from Chelsea State Bank and Curtis, Curtis, & Brelinski, 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 Monday, August 10. 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

Performance Date	Time	Type	Price	Notes
<b>Week 1</b>				
Thur, Sept 17	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$20	Talkback
Fri, Sept 18	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
Sat, Sept 19	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
Sat, Sept 19	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$33	Talkback
Sun, Sept 20	2:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
<b>Week 2</b>				
Wed, Sept 23	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$23	
Thur, Sept 24	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$20	
Fri, Sept 25	8:00 PM	OPENING	\$38	Opening photos/Lobby reception
Sat, Sept 26	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Sept 26	8:00 PM	Evening	--	Private Event
Sun, Sept 27	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
<b>Week 3</b>				
Wed, Sept 30	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Oct 1	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Oct 2	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, Oct 3	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Oct 3	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Oct 4	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
<b>Week 4</b>				
Wed, Oct 7	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Oct 8	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Oct 9	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, Oct 10	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Oct 10	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Oct 11	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
<b>Week 5</b>				
Wed, Oct 14	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Oct 15	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Oct 16	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, Oct 17	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Oct 17	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Oct 18	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
<b>Week 6</b>				

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

**Week 7**

Wed, Oct 28	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Oct 29	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Oct 30	8:00 PM	Evening	\$19
Sat, Oct 31	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Oct 31	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Nov 1	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

Ford Friday w/ talkback

Halloween

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**Week 8**

Wed, Nov 4	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Nov 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Nov 6	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Nov 7	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Nov 7	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Nov 8	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 9**

Wed, Nov 11	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Nov 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Nov 13	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Nov 14	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Nov 14	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Nov 15	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 10**

Wed, Nov 18	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Nov 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Nov 20	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Nov 21	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Nov 21	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Nov 22	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 11**

Wed, Nov 25	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Fri, Nov 27	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Fri, Nov 27	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Nov 28	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Nov 28	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Nov 29	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

added matinee

**Week 12**

Wed, Dec 2	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Dec 3	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Dec 4	8:00 PM	Evening	\$19
Sat, Dec 5	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Dec 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Dec 6	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

Ford Friday w/ talkback

**Week 13**

Wed, Dec 9	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Dec 10	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Dec 11	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Dec 12	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Dec 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Dec 13	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 14**

Wed, Dec 16	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Dec 17	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	added matinee
Thur, Dec 17	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Dec 18	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, Dec 19	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Dec 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	Closing Night