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**Start the New Year laughing**

*The Purple Rose Theatre presents Neil Simon's classic comedy "The Odd Couple"*

**CHELSEA, Mich.** (December 14, 2015)— [The Purple Rose Theatre Company](#) will ring in the new year with the second play of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple".

Two suddenly single pals — a sloppy sportswriter and a neat freak news writer — strain their friendship by turning roommates, but patterns of their own disastrous marriages begin to reappear with hilarious results.

"The Odd Couple" will run from Thursday, January 21 through Saturday, March 26, 2016. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, begin Thursday January 21; opening night is Friday, January 29.

Making her professional directorial debut is Purple Rose Resident Artist Lauren Mounsey. Mounsey, a former PRTC apprentice from Macomb has performed in several PRTC productions including "33 Variations", "Steel Magnolias", and "2AZ". She was a directing intern for "Annapurna" and "Talley's Folly" under Artistic Director Guy Sanville. "Here was everything I wanted," Mounsey said in a recent interview, "the chance to act, direct and have a family. Guy taught us that the key to happiness is passion, and he stressed that we can have what we want if we work towards it".

"The Odd Couple" cast features PRTC Artistic Director Guy Sanville (Chelsea) in the leading role of Oscar Madison and David Montee (Traverse City), former director of theatre studies at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, as Felix Ungar. The cast also includes David Bendena (Chelsea), Chris Lutkin (Wyandotte), Michelle Mountain (Grass Lake), Jim Porterfield (Northville), Rhiannon Ragland (Gregory), and Tom Whalen (Royal Oak).

Set design is by Bartley H. Bauer, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Corey Collins, lighting by Reid G. Johnson, and sound by Tom Whalen. 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 Sage Foundation, The Shubert Foundation, and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. "The Odd Couple" production sponsor is the Neil & Annmarie Hawkins Family. 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, December 14. 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](http://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 "Odd Couple" at the PRTC

Performance Date	Time	Type	Price	Notes
<b>Week 1</b>				
Thur, Jan 21	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$20	Talkback
Fri, Jan 22	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
Sat, Jan 23	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
Sat, Jan 23	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$33	Talkback
Sun, Jan 24	2:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$28	Talkback
<b>Week 2</b>				
Wed, Jan 27	3:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$23	
Thur, Jan 28	8:00 PM	PREVIEW	\$20	
Fri, Jan 29	8:00 PM	OPENING	\$38	Opening Night
Sat, Jan 30	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Jan 30	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Jan 31	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
<b>Week 3</b>				
Wed, Feb 3	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Feb 4	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Feb 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$19	Ford Friday w/ talkback
Sat, Feb 6	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Feb 6	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Feb 7	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

**Week 4**

Wed, Feb 10	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Feb 11	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	added matinee
Fri, Feb 12	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, Feb 13	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Feb 13	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Feb 14	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	Valentine's Day

**Week 5**

Wed, Feb 17	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Feb 18	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Feb 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Feb 20	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Feb 20	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Feb 21	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 6**

Wed, Feb 24	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Feb 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Feb 26	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Feb 27	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Feb 27	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Feb 28	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 7**

Wed, Mar 2	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Mar 3	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Mar 4	8:00 PM	Evening	\$19	Ford Friday w/ talkback
Sat, Mar 5	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Mar 5	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	
Sun, Mar 6	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	

**Week 8**

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

**Week 9**

Wed, Mar 16	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28
Thur, Mar 17	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25
Fri, Mar 18	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38
Sat, Mar 19	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38
Sat, Mar 19	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43
Sun, Mar 20	2:00 PM	Matinee	\$38

**Week 10**

Wed, Mar 23	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	
Thur, Mar 24	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$28	added matinee
Thur, Mar 24	8:00 PM	Evening	\$25	
Fri, Mar 25	8:00 PM	Evening	\$38	
Sat, Mar 26	3:00 PM	Matinee	\$38	
Sat, Mar 26	8:00 PM	Evening	\$43	Closing Night