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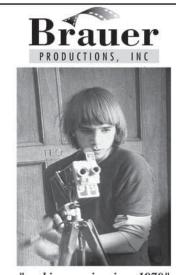
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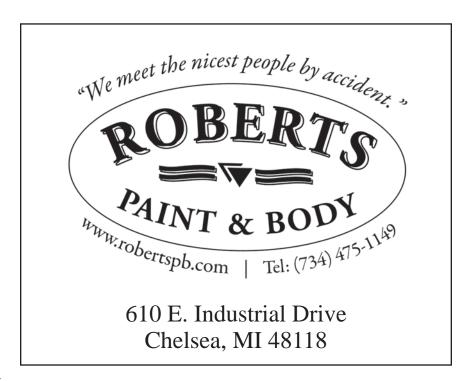
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DAVID BENDENA (*Duane Wilson*) most recently appeared in *Vino Veritas* and *Smart Love* at The Purple Rose and *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* at Tipping Point Theatre. Other PRTC credits include *The Odd Couple, 2AZ, The Vast Difference* and *33 Variations*. Chicago Credits include *Birdsend* (Mary Arrchie), *Bent* (Caught in the Act), *Hyde in Hollywood* and *Requiem for a Heavyweight* (Shattered Globe) and understudy stints at both The Goodman and Victory Gardens. David is a proud Resident Artist at the Purple Rose and a member of Actors' Equity. Big thanks to Guy, this cast and the amazing apprentices of the PRTC.



CAITLIN CAVANNAUGH (Myrtle Mae Simmons) is ecstatic to be working with The Purple Rose for the first time. Favorite credits include Twelfth Night (Viola), Carousel (Carrie), and Noises Off (Brooke) with Texas Shakespeare Festival and Marat/Sade (Jacques Roux) at the Sabanci International Theatre Festival in Adana, Turkey. She is a proud graduate of Northern Illinois University (BFA Acting) and Moscow Art Theatre School (Certificate in Acting) and is represented by Shirley Hamilton Inc. Upcoming: Big River (Mary Jane Wilkes) at Theatre at the Center in Indiana. She'd like to thank Guy, Michelle, Katie, Amy, Angle, and every single person at The Purple Rose for this incredible opportunity and their kindness, her grandparents, and her #1 supporter, her mom. www.caitlincavannaugh.webs.com.





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SUSAN CRAVES (Betty Chumley) is thrilled to be involved in her 7th production at The Purple Rose. You may have seen her in Morning's At Seven as Esty. Susan made her onstage debut as Clairee in the 2015 production of Steel Magnolias. She has had the role of Understudy in 5 PRTC productions: Redwood Curtain, The PRTC Spring Comedy Festival, Annapurna, The Odd Couple, and Morning After Grace. Before joining The Purple Rose Theatre Company, Susan performed on stages throughout Southeast Michigan: The Dio, The Snug, Performance Network (Fireside Festival), Tipping Point Theatre (The Sandbox Festival) and Two Muses Theatre. Additionally, she was active in community theatre for 29 years. As a Resident Artist, Susan is happy to call the Purple Rose her creative home and is also proud to be a member of Actors' Equity. "Guy, thank you from the bottom of my heart for gifting to me my dream... Thank you, also, to the incredibly talented company of artists (especially Michelle, Thomas, and Angie) and to the awesome Apprenti for all that you do!" To Chuck and Adia: "Without your love and continued support, my dream would not, could not be realized... Te quiero!"



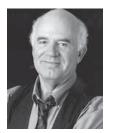
RUTH CRAWFORD (Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet) Ruth last appeared at The Purple Rose in *Morning's* At Seven and The Poetry of Pizza. She has also worked at many area Equity theatres: in A Painted Window and Old Love at Williamston Theatre, in Southern Comfort and Rabbit Hole at The Tipping Point, in *Rites of Passage* at the JET, in Good People at The Performance Network and in Calendar Girls, Legends, 70, Girls, 70, Mary Stuart, and Enchanted April at The Meadow Brook Theatre. As a member of The Colony Theatre in Los Angeles her work included roles in The Cocktail Hour and Ring Round the Moon. She's also been featured in a number of movies and TV shows filmed in the Detroit area including: Detroiters, Low Winter Sun, Flipped, and Trust.







LAUREN KNOX (Ruth Kelly, R.N.) is delighted to be returning to The Purple Rose stage. She was last seen here as another Kelly in 2AZ in the summer of 2015. Since then she's been directing, teaching and learning how to be a wife. Lauren made her professional directing debut at the Rose last winter with The Odd Couple and will direct God of Carnage this fall. She annually teaches the Teen Intensive with her good pal Michelle Mountain and participates in various classes throughout the year. You may recognize her from other plays such as Steel Magnolias (Annelle), The Purple Rose Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars and Lunatics and 33 Variations (Clara). Outside of the Purple Rose, Lauren works with the Wild Swan Theater, the Dexter United Methodist Church and recently taught a "Memory to Monologue" class at the Chelsea Retirement Community. Lauren is so thankful to be a Resident Artist at The Purple Rose. Thank you to Jeff and Guy especially, for giving me a place to belong. And to my family and friends for encouraging me to pursue what I was meant to do. I love you!



HUGH MAGUIRE (Dr. William Chumley) previously appeared at The Purple Rose Theatre in Morning's At Seven, A Streetcar Named Desire, Growing Pretty, The Poetry of Pizza, and The Subject Was Roses. He was in Other Desert Cities, Time Stands Still, and The Seafarer at The Performance Network and The Outgoing Tide, Ebenezer, and Proof at Tipping Point. He's performed in The Diarv of Anne Frank and New Jerusalem at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, and The Explorer's Club, 70, Girls, 70, and Mary Stuart at Meadow Brook Theatre. He played Dad in Leaving lowa at Williamston Theatre. His TV credits include a recurring role on *Cheers* and a series lead in the CBS sitcom, Live-In. He's guest starred on Wings, LA Law, Dallas, Growing Pains, Martin, Alien Nation, Knots Landing, and others. He's been featured in the films: The Double, Jimmy P, Conviction, Butterfly Effect: Revelation, Thinas Fall Apart and as Jack O' Dwyer in Superman vs Batman: Dawn of Justice



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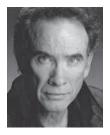
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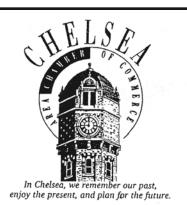


RICHARD McWILLIAMS (*Elwood P. Dowd*) was last seen on The Purple Rose stage in *Morning's At Seven.* He is a Purple Rose Resident Artist where he has also appeared in *33 Variations, Annapurna* and *The Vast Difference.* Other theatre credits include: *Broadway Bound* (Drury Lane Theatre), *The Price* (Syracuse Stage and Geva Theatre Center), *Underneath the Lintel* and *Pure Confidence* (Florida Studio Theater), *The Lion in Winter* (Clarence Brown Theatre) and *Desire Under the Elms* (The Guthrie Theater). Broadway: *Orpheus Descending.* Off-Broadway: *The Night Hank Williams Died* and *Macbeth.* Thank you to Guy, Michelle, the entire PRTC family, Terri, and Lindsay.



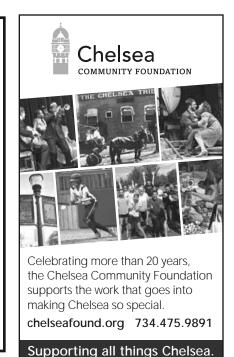
RUSTY MEWHA (*Dr. Lyman Sanderson*) is home at The Purple Rose and couldn't be more grateful for being welcomed here. Purple credits: *Morning's At Seven, 2AZ, The Purple Rose Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars and Lunatics, The Vast Difference, Miles and Ellie,* and *Honus and Me.* He is proud to be a Purple Rose Resident Artist. Proud member: AEA and SAG/AFTRA.





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MICHELLE MOUNTAIN (Veta Louise Simmons) a Purple Rose Resident Artist since 1998, is delighted to be part of this wonderful ensemble. Michelle's previous Purple Rose appearances include Morning After Grace, Gaps in the Fossil Record, The Odd Couple, 2AZ, Steel Magnolias, Annapurna, The PRTC Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars, & Lunatics, Redwood Curtain, Miles and Ellie, 33 Variations, Superior Donuts, White Buffalo, Some Couples May..., Best of Friends, Boeing-Boeing, Our Town, Gravity, Wake, A Streetcar Named Desire, The Poetry of Pizza, When the Lights Come On, The Subject Was Roses, The Glass Menagerie, Norma & Wanda, Blithe Spirit, Across the Way, Born Yesterday, Orphan Train: An American Melodrama, The Hole (Detroit Free Press Best Actress Award), Marcus is Walking, and Book of Days. Her Purple Rose directing credits include Morning's At Seven, The Last Romance, On Golden Pond, Growing Pretty and Hope for Corky. Thanks to Jeff, Guy, the entire Purple Rose family, Vince, Henry and Julian.



LARRY PETERS (*E.J. Lofgren*) most recently emergency understudied Ollie in Carey Crim's *Morning After Grace* and understudied Carl Bolton in last summer's *Morning's At Seven*. This marks Larry's first supporting role while also understudying Elwood Dowd. Thanks to Jeff, Guy, Michelle, the entire Purple Rose family, Nancy, Ellis, Owen and my neighbor Jeff. We are thrilled you are here. Enjoy the show!





TOM WHALEN (Judge Omar Gaffney) was last seen on The Purple Rose stage in this past fall's production of Morning After Grace where he played the role of Angus for the final 4 weeks of the run. He is a Purple Rose Resident Artist where he has also appeared in Morning's At Seven, The Odd Couple, Casting Session, 2AZ, The PRTC Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars, & Lunatics, The Vast Difference, Our Town, Escanaba, Panhandle Slim & The Oklahoma Kid, Corktown, The Glass Menagerie, The Good Doctor, Let It Be, Guys On Ice and Orphan Train: An American Melodrama. Tom has also designed sound for numerous PRTC productions. He has performed locally at the BoarsHead Theatre, Jewish Ensemble Theatre, Meadow Brook Theatre, Hilberry Repertory, The Gem Theatre. The Attic Theatre and Performance Network. His many appearances include The Cherry Orchard, Twelfth Night, Moonlight and Magnolias, Summer and Smoke and Little Shop of Horrors. Tom lives in Royal Oak.



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PLAYWRIGHT

MARY CHASE (*Playwright*) was born on February 25, 1907, in Denver, Colorado. Her parents, Frank and Mary (McDonough) Coyle, were both Irish-born and emigrated to the United States at the end of the nineteenth century. At the age of fourteen, Mary got a place at the University of Denver, where she studied for two-and-a-half years, and then, in 1923, she transferred to the University of Colorado for a further year, but she graduated from neither. With no specific qualifications other than an interest in writing, she became a reporter for various local newspapers in 1924 and went on to join "The Rocky Mountain News" in June 1928. That same year, she married Robert Lamont Chase whom she had met in the paper. Four years later, Mary decided to give up her newspaper iob, but continued to do freelance journalistic work for the International News Service and the United Press. She also began to write short stories and plays, as well as a radio programs for the Teamsters' Union. Her first play to be professionally staged was *Me Third* (written in 1936), which was produced by the Federal Theatre Project, first in Denver and then the following year in New York, directed by Brock Pemberton under the title Now I've Done It. Her next play, A Slip Of A Girl (1941), folded on tryout, and other plays of that time, including *Banshee*, similarly got nowhere. Between 1941 and 1944 she became publicity director for the National Youth Administration in Denver, and then for the Teamsters' Union. Nothing daunted, Brock Pemberton was so confident of Mrs. Chase's ability that he undertook to produce a piece called The White *Rabbit*, on the condition that its title be changed to *Harvey*. Its opening in November 1944 became history. The play was an immediate hit and won its astonished author the Pulitzer Prize for 1944-45. Ironically, after the triumph of *Harvey*, Mary had to wait until 1952 for her next success, when Helen Hayes starred in Mrs. McThing. She had another success the following year with *Bernadine*, a play about Wromy, an ineffectual teenage boy who tries to translate his gang's fantasies about the ideal woman into everyday life, with ridiculous results. *Bernadine* was later turned into a successful Hollywood movie starring Pat Boone. Mary Chase's last play to reach new York was Midge Purvis (1961), in which Tallulah Bankhead played a rich matron who passes as a doddering crone. In addition to plays and films, Mary Chase wrote two children's novels. Reviewing the first of these, "Loretta Mason Pots," "The Chicago Tribune" observed: "How right and natural that the creator of Harvey and Mrs. McThing should now write a magical tale for boys and girls. Surely Loretta Mason Potts will take her place among the memorable characters of children's literature and her story should be a favorite for a long time to come." Almost all of Mary Chase's work was humane and comic, informed by her love of Irish folklore. She always attributed her interest in fantasy to the stories recounted to her by an uncle who introduced her to pookas, banshees, and other willful fairy folk. Mary Chase was a member of the Dramatists Guild and was given the William MacLeod Raine Award from the Colorado Authors' League in 1944. In 1947 the University of Denver honored her with the degree of doctor of letters. She died in October 1981 at her home in Denver, where she had lived for virtually the whole of her adult life, survived by her three sons, Michael, Colin, and Barry.



DIRECTOR



GUY SANVILLE (Director) has served as Artistic Director of the Purple Rose since May 1, 1995. He has directed over 50 productions for the Rose, including over 40 world premieres. Credits include world premieres of Escanaba in da Moonlight, Guest Artist, and Across the Way by Jeff Daniels (Second place Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association Award), Book of Days (Winner Best New Play Harold and Mimi Steinberg/ American Theatre Critics Award) and Rain Dance (PRTC and Off Broadway productions) by Lanford Wilson and the world premiere of Gaps in the Fossil Record by Matt Letscher. He has received numerous awards including the Detroit Free Press Excellence in Theatre Award for Best Director five times. Member: Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, Actors' Equity Association, SAG-AFTRA and Society of Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of America. For the 2016-17 Purple Rose Apprentices.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

RHIANNON RAGLAND (Assistant Director) is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and a PRTC Resident Artist, Rhiannon made her directing debut with A Stone Carver, winning a Wilde Award for Best Drama and also directed Vino Veritas (the PRTC's 100th production) this past spring. She was assistant director on Escanaba in da Moonlight (2011), The Meaning of Almost Everything, Morning After Grace, and enjoyed time on the design teams of Gravity, White Buffalo, and The Meaning of Almost Everything as choreographer (Wilde Award nomination). Rhiannon has also served as Costume Designer on the world premiere of Miles and Ellie and The Last Romance here at PRTC, and Best of Friends with Bohemian Productions. Rhiannon is also a full time instructor/director with Ensemble Theatre and Jackson School of The Arts in Jackson, MI. Rhiannon thanks Guy, Jeff, and our audience for continuing to build a home where new beginnings are celebrated again and again.

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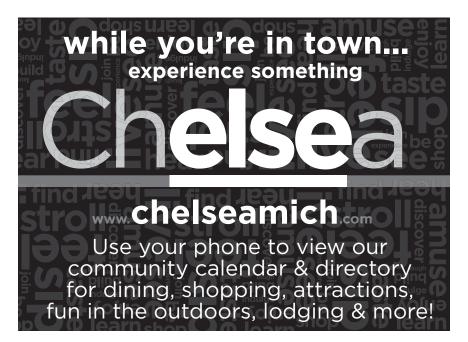
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SARAH PEARLINE *(Scenic Designer)* has worked as a set and projection designer in New York City and regionally with such companies as Circus Flora, St. Louis Symphony, Experimental Theatre Wing, Titan Theatre Company, Prospect Theatre Company, SoHo Think Tank, Nickelodeon Networks, and NY Stage and Film. Sarah is an Assistant Professor in the Theatre and Dance department at Wayne State University and a graduate of the Yale School of Drama. Locally, she has had a wonderful time working with Detroit Public Theatre, Carrie Morris Arts Production and PuppetArt Theatre, Satori Circus and the DIA. At PRTC, she designed *Vino Veritas, Morning's At Seven* and *Talley's Folly* and is thrilled to join the artists here for another fabulous show!

BRAD PHILLIPS (Sound Designer) is a professional musician by trade, most known on The Purple Rose stage from his many appearances with Jeff Daniels' Onstage & Unplugged. A violinist, fiddler, mandolinist, and guitarist, Brad serves as a Resident Artist at PRTC and has provided musical elements for The Last Romance, Annapurna, 2AZ, Steel Magnolias, Talley's Folly, Gaps in the Fossil Record and was the sound designer for Morning's At Seven. As a performing musician, Brad has appeared with the likes of Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Iggy Pop, Pat Metheny, The Verve Pipe, Joshua Davis from NBC's The Voice, May Erlewine, Seth Bernard, and many others. In 2014, he served as producer for Jeff Daniels' studio recording Days Like These and holds a bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies, as well as a master's in Improvisation, both from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance. In addition to sound design and performing, Brad is well-known as an energetic music instructor, and for his skills as an arranger and composer.

DANNA SEGREST (*Properties Designer*) has enjoyed being part of The Purple Rose Theatre Company since "Day 2" and is so happy to have contributed to the 25 year book ("Do you have your copy?"). Danna is grateful for this opportunity to design props for *Harvey* here at the Purple Rose and work once again this season on the set dressings with the talented Sarah Pearline. Ms. Segrest started out volunteering at auditions in the church across the street just before the first renovations created the Theatre and has watched it grow with each passing season. We will see the rest of the roof raised up this summer to complete the most recent growth spurt blossoming . Danna was the PRTC Resource Manager from 1991 to 1996 and now wears many hats as Resident Properties Designer, a Resident Artist, Archival Photographer and Box Office Assistant. Danna thanks Wade and Reeve for keeping the Pookas at bay.





DESIGNERS

NOELE STOLLMACK (Lighting Designer) Noele's lighting has appeared onstage at The Brooklyn Academy of Music, Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, The Library of Congress Theatre, as well as the opera companies of Ontario, Houston, Portland, Vancouver, New Orleans, Nashville, Madison and Milwaukee. Regional design for the theatre includes Wisconsin's Chamber Theatre, Renaissance Theaterworks, Skylight Music Theatre, American Players Theatre, Forward Theatre and First Stage Children's Theatre. Some notable examples of Noele's scenic realization and set design include Meredith Monk's international tours of mercy & impermanence, Giulio Cesare in Egitto, Albert Herring, Dido and Aeneas, Venus and Adonis, Rio de Sangre, Macbeth, Tristan und Isolde and Magic Flute for the Florentine Opera, Rape of Lucretia at Toledo Opera, Pagliacci with Columbus Opera, and Mirandolina for the Milwaukee Rep. As Lighting Director for the Houston Grand Opera, Noele supervised lighting for over 50 operas and designed such productions as Andrei Serban's Elektra, Dr. Jonathan Miller's Der Rosenkavalier and the world premieres of Harvey Milk, Desert of Roses and Dracula Diary.

SUZANNE YOUNG (*Costume Designer*) debuted at The Purple Rose with *Escanaba in da Moonlight* and is delighted to return for *Harvey*. She also designed *33 Variations, The Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars, & Lunatics, Annapurna* and *Morning's At Seven* for The Purple Rose. Other recent credits include *Richard II* for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, the 2017 Dance Concert, and *Dead Man Walking* for The University of Michigan as well as *Don't Dress For Dinner* for The Tipping Point Theatre. She has been a Wilde Award nominee multiple times and winner of Best Costume Design for MSF's *The Importance of Being Ernest* in 2014. She has designed numerous other productions for Performance Network, Pine Mountain Music Festival, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Dance Works, Tipping Point Theatre, and Wild Swan Theater. Suzanne trained in London, England and has enjoyed a long and varied career in costumes and costume design. She would like to thank Guy and the wonderful people at The Purple Rose for all their support and hard work and, of course, her husband and family.

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STAGE MANAGEMENT

ANGIE KANE FERRANTE (*Stage Managel*) is proud to be a Resident Artist here at The Purple Rose. She graduated from the Wayne State University Theatre Program in 2007, and studied at The Moscow Art Theatre in Russia. She stage managed *Smart Love, Morning's At Seven, The Odd Couple, Casting Session, 2AZ, Steel Magnolias, Annapurna, Redwood Curtain, The Vast Difference,* and *Miles and Ellie* at the PRTC and proudly directed *Talley's Folly.* She recently directed *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* at Tipping Point and *Good People* at Open Book. She founded the AKT Theatre Project in Wyandotte, MI. She would like to thank Guy and Michelle and her entire PRTC family for doing what they do to make this work possible, Thomas, Anna and Kyle, and the rest of the wonderful apprentices; without them none of this would be possible, her parents for their continued support of her life choices, and Bradley for all the things.

THOMAS MACIAS (*Assistant Stage Manager*) completed his undergrad at RIT (2013) in Rochester, NY, and is a graduate of the Purple Rose apprentice program (2014). Congratulations to all of our apprentices as we approach the end of our season. We can't do any of this without you all. Thomas would like to thank Angie, Guy, Michelle, Rhiannon, Adair, and everyone who has supported his work at The Purple Rose, and a special thanks to Beth. Still and all.

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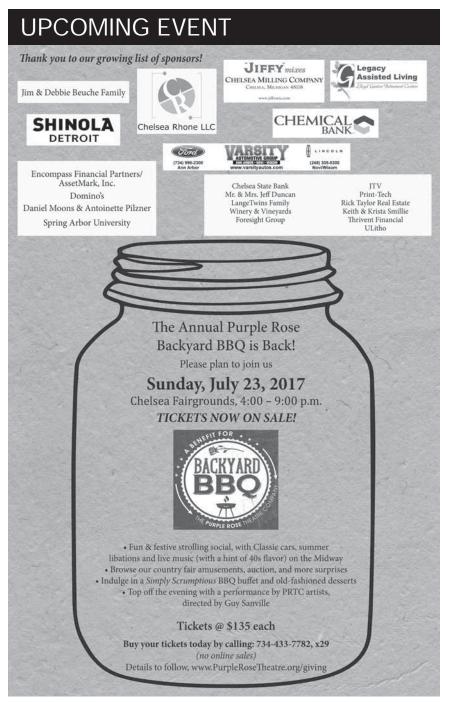
JEFF DANIELS has premiered sixteen full-length plays at the PRTC over the past twenty-five years: *Shoe Man, The Tropical Pickle, The Vast Difference, Thy Kingdom's Coming, Escanaba in da Moonlight, Apartment 3A, Boom Town, Across the Way*(2002 American Theatre Critics Association Best New Play Finalist), *Norma & Wanda, Guest Artist* (2006 ATCA Best New Play Runner-Up), *Escanaba In Love, Panhandle Slim & The Oklahoma Kid, Escanaba, Best of Friends, The Meaning of Almost Everything* (2013 ATCA Best New Play Nominee), and *Casting Session.* He also acts.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

GUY SANVILLE is a professional actor, director, writer, and teacher. He celebrated his 20th anniversary as Artistic Director in May 2015. He has directed over 50 plays for the PRTC, including over 40 world premieres. In addition, he teaches workshops and lectures at the Purple Rose and around the country. He is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association, SAG/AFTRA, and the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. He is honored to serve on the Board of Directors for the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority. He resides in Chelsea with his wife, Nancee, and daughter, Rose.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

KATIE HUBBARD is so pleased to be managing the business of The Purple Rose. She previously lived in Milwaukee, WI and was the General Manager of First Stage, a professional children's theater that also houses the largest theater training program of its kind in the nation, as well as being Wisconsin's leader in arts-in-education programming. Katie hails from Rochester, Michigan and received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication and Theater from Albion College in 2002. She is also a graduate of the Purple Rose Apprentice Program. Katie is a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association and received her union card back in 2003 while stage managing at The Purple Rose. *Harvey* marks Katie's 31st production with the PRTC. She could not have this dream job without the love and support of her husband and two beautiful children.



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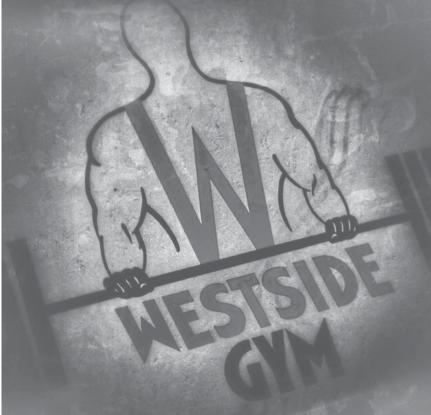


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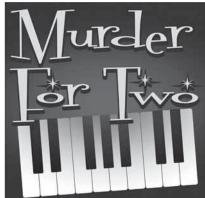
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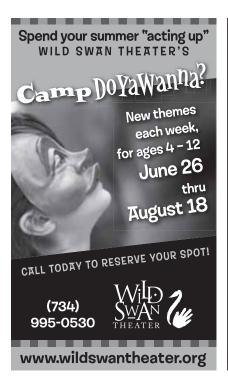
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*Blush at Nothing** by Lisa A. Wing February 7-March 24, 1991

*Shoe Man** by Jeff Daniels April 25-July 21, 1991

1991 / 1992

Kuru by Josh C. Manheimer September 5-October 27, 1991

*Ties That Bind** by Kitty Dubin Nov 14, 1991-January 5, 1992

More Fun Than Bowling by Steven Dietz January 23-April 12, 1992

*The Tropical Pickle** by Jeff Daniels May 7-August 30, 1992

1992 / 1993

Possessed: The Dracula Musical Book by Robert Marasco & Jason Darrow Music by Carter Cathcart October 1-December 20, 1992

Necessities by Velina Hasu Houston January 14-March 7, 1993

National Anthems by Dennis McIntyre April 1-June 5, 1993

*Nooner** by Kim Carney June 17-August 29, 1993

1993 / 1994

*The Vast Difference** by Jeff Daniels October 7, 1993-January 9, 1994

*Two Sisters** by T. E. Williams January 27-March 20, 1994

Keely and Du by Jane Martin March 31-May 22, 1994

Stanton's Garage by Joan Ackermann June 9-August 28, 1994

1994 / 1995

*Thy Kingdom's Coming** by Jeff Daniels October 6-December 23, 1994

*Only Me and You** by Kim Carney January 19-March 12, 1995

*Hang the Moon** by Suzanne Burr March 31-May 21, 1995

Weekend Comedy by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick June 8-August 20, 1995

1995 / 1996

*Escanaba in da Moonlight** by Jeff Daniels September 28-December 23, 1995

Beast on the Moon by Richard Kalinoski January 18-March 10, 1996

The Purple Rose Spring Comedy Festival* by various playwrights March 28-May 19, 1996

*The Harmony Codes** by Michael Grady June 6-August 25, 1996

1996 / 1997

*Apartment 3A** by Jeff Daniels September 26-December 21, 1996

*Labor Day** by Kim Carney January 16-March 8, 1997

The Hot L Baltimore by Lanford Wilson March 27-May 31, 1997

Off the Map by Joan Ackermann June 19-August 23, 1997

1997 / 1998

Escanaba in da Moonlight by Jeff Daniels September 18-December 20, 1997

Julie Johnson by Wendy Hammond January 22-March 14, 1998

*Book of Days** by Lanford Wilson April 2-June 27, 1998

*Marcus is Walking** by Joan Ackermann July 16-September 12, 1998

1998 / 1999

*Boom Town** by Jeff Daniels October 8-December 19, 1998

*The Hole** by Wendy Hammond January 28-March 20, 1999

The Big Slam by Bill Corbett April 8-June 12, 1999

Criminal Genius by George F. Walker July 1-August 22, 1999

1999 / 2000

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2000 / 2001

*Rain Dance** by Lanford Wilson January 11-March 17, 2001

Orphan Train: An American Melodrama* by Dennis North April 12-June 16, 2001

*Completing Dahlia** by Annie Martin July 12-September 1, 2001

2001 / 2002

Guys on Ice by James Kaplan & Fred Alley October 4-December 22, 2001

*Months on End** by Craig Pospisil January 17-March 16, 2002

Born Yesterday by Garson Kanin April 4-June 15, 2002 *Let It Be** by Dennis North July 11-August 31, 2002

2002 / 2003

Across the Way* by Jeff Daniels September 26-December 21, 2002

*Stand** by Toni Press-Coffman January 23-March 15, 2003

*Hope for Corky** by Randall Godwin April 3-May 31, 2003

Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward June 19-August 30, 2003

2003 / 2004

The Good Doctor by Neil Simon October 2-December 20, 2003

*Leaving Iowa** by Tim Clue & Spike Manton January 22-March 13, 2004

The Underpants by Carl Sternheim Adaptation by Steve Martin April 1-June 5, 2004

*Duck Hunter Shoots Angel** by Mitch Albom June 24-September 18, 2004

2004 / 2005

The Mystery of Irma Vep by Charles Ludlam October 7-December 18, 2004

*Norma & Wanda** by Jeff Daniels January 20-March 19, 2005

Bus Stop by William Inge April 7-June 4, 2005

*And the Winner Is** by Mitch Albom June 23-September 24, 2005

2005 / 2006

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams October 20-December 17, 2005

*Guest Artist** by Jeff Daniels January 19-March 18, 2006

*The Late Great Henry Boyle** by David MacGregor April 6-June 3, 2006

Honus and Me by Steven Dietz based on the novel by Dan Gutman June 22-September 2, 2006

2006 / 2007

*Escanaba In Love** by Jeff Daniels Sept 28, 2006-January 20, 2007

The Subject Was Roses by Frank D. Gilroy February 8-March 17, 2007

When the Lights Come On* by Brian Letscher April 5-June 2, 2007

Sea of Fools* by Matt Letscher June 21-September 1, 2007

2007 / 2008

*The Poetry of Pizza** by Deborah Brevoort October 4-December 22, 2007

*Vino Veritas** by David MacGregor January 17-March 8, 2008

*Growing Pretty** by Carey Crim March 27-April 23, 2008

Panhandle Slim & The Oklahoma Kid* by Jeff Daniels June 19-September 27, 2008

2008 / 2009

Apartment 3A by Jeff Daniels October 16-December 20, 2008

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams January 22-March 21, 2009

*Bleeding Red** by Michael Brian Ogden April 9-May 30, 2009 *Wake** by Carey Crim June 18-August 22, 2009

2009 / 2010

*Escanaba** by Jeff Daniels Sept 17, 2009 - January 23, 2010

*Gravity** by David MacGregor February 11-March 27, 2010

Our Town by Thornton Wilder April 15-May 29, 2010

Boeing-Boeing by Marc Camoletti adapted by Beverley Cross June 17-September 11, 2010

2010 / 2011

*Best of Friends** by Jeff Daniels October 14-December 18, 2010

*Corktown** by Michael Brian Ogden January 20-March 5, 2011

*Some Couples May...** by Carey Crim March 24-May 28, 2011

Consider the Oyster* by David MacGregor June 16-September 3, 2011

2011 / 2012

Escanaba in da Moonlight by Jeff Daniels September 22 - December 31, 2011

A Stone Carver by William Mastrosimone January 19 - March 10, 2012

*White Buffalo** by Don Zolidis March 29 - June 2, 2012

On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson June 21 - September 1, 2012

*World Premiere

2012 / 2013

Superior Donuts by Tracy Letts September 20 - December 15, 2012

*The Meaning of Almost Everything** by Jeff Daniels January 10 - March 9, 2013

33 Variations by Moisés Kaufman March 28 - June 1, 2013

*Miles & Ellie** by Don Zolidis June 20 - August 31, 2013

2013 / 2014

The Vast Difference by Jeff Daniels September 19 - December 18, 2013

Redwood Curtain by Lanford Wilson January 16 - March 15, 2014

The PRTC Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars & Lunatics* by various playwrights April 3 - May 24, 2014

The Last Romance by Joe DiPietro June 12 - August 30, 2014

2014 / 2015

Annapurna by Sharr White September 18 - December 13, 2014

Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling January 15 - March 14, 2015

Talley's Folly by Lanford Wilson April 2 - May 23, 2015

*2AZ** by Michael Brian Ogden June 11 - July 26, 2015

2015 / 2016 (25th Anniversary)

*Casting Session** by Jeff Daniels September 17 - December 19, 2015

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon January 21 - March 26, 2016

Gaps in the Fossil Record* by Matt Letscher April 14 - May 28, 2016

Morning's At Seven by Paul Osborn June 16 - August 27, 2016

2016 / 2017

*Morning After Grace** by Carey Crim September 29 - December 17, 2016

*Smart Love** by Brian Letscher January 19 - March 4, 2017

Vino Veritas by David MacGregor March 23 - May 27, 2017

Harvey by Mary Chase June 15 - August 26, 2017

2017 / 2018

God of Carnage by Yasmina Reza translated by Christopher Hampton September 28 - December 16, 2017

*Flint** by Jeff Daniels January 18 - March 10, 2018

Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear* by David MacGregor March 29 - May 26, 2018

*Willow Run** by Jeff Duncan June 14 - September 1, 2018



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A playground clash between 11-year old boys throws together two sets of parents for a meeting to resolve the dispute; a civilized get-together that turns swiftly and hilariously into a battle pitting couple against couple, husbands against wives, spouse against spouse. Winner of the 2009 Tony Award for Best Play.

*Contains adult language & content.

FLINT

a World Premiere by Jeff Daniels directed by Guy Sanville⁺

January 18 - March 10, 2018

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SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE ADVENTURE OF THE ELUSIVE EAR

a World Premiere by David MacGregor directed by Guy Sanville⁺

March 29 - May 26, 2018

London. December 1888. 221B Baker Street. The notorious and as-yet undiscovered genius Vincent van Gogh presents the master-sleuth Sherlock Holmes with a most unusual case. Aided by his partner Dr. Watson and his paramour Irene Adler, the trio embarks on a rousing adventure. Join the world's greatest detective as he dashes forth to solve one of the most audacious crimes of the Victorian era.

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WILLOW RUN

a World Premiere by Jeff Duncan directed by Guy Sanville⁺

June 14 - September 1, 2018

During WWII the Willow Run Bomber Plant located near Ypsilanti, Michigan was the largest factory under one roof in the world. Some 40,000 employees, mostly women, turned out B-24 Bombers at the rate of one every 55 minutes. *Willow Run* follows the journey of four of those women who migrated from all over America to find new lives at the plant. Along the way they overcome a multitude of challenges, learn to endure new sorrows, overcome deep-seated prejudices and forge new friendships. Winner of the 2017 Edgerton Foundation New Play Award. Original music by Brad Phillips, Ben and Jeff Daniels.

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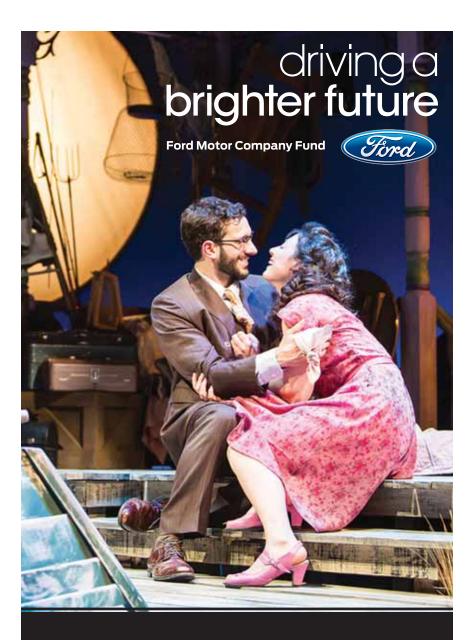
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