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**“Harvey” brings laughter and imagination  
to The Purple Rose Theatre**

**CHELSEA, Mich.** (May 8, 2017)— Tickets are now on sale for [The Purple Rose Theatre Company](#)’s summer production, “Harvey,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning American classic by Mary Chase.

Performances run from Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, are available through Thursday, June 22; opening night is Friday, June 23.

Elwood P. Dowd insists on including his friend Harvey in all of his sister Veta’s social gatherings. Trouble is, Harvey is an invisible six-and-a-half-foot-tall rabbit. To avoid future embarrassment for her family — especially for her daughter Myrtle Mae — Veta decides to have Elwood committed to a sanitarium. When they arrive at the sanitarium, a comedy of errors ensues.

“‘Harvey’ is my favorite American classic play,” says director Guy Sanville. “For over 60 years, this magical, hilarious, heartfelt and thought-provoking comedy has moved, delighted and inspired millions of people to rediscover the kindness inherent in all human beings.”

In the early 1940s, Chase spent two years writing “Harvey.” On Nov. 1, 1944, it opened on Broadway and ran for four and a half years, making it the sixth longest-running play at the time. Chase received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1945. Over the course of her career, she wrote 14 plays, three of which were made into Hollywood films: “Sorority House” (1939), “Harvey” (1950), and “Bernardine” (1957).

Sanville will direct the cast of 11 actors, which includes David Bendena (Chelsea), Caitlin Cavanaugh (Chicago, IL), Susan Craves (Clarkston), Ruth Crawford (Ann Arbor), Rusty Mewha (Plymouth), Hugh Maguire (Ann Arbor), Richard McWilliams (Dayton, OH), Lauren Knox (Milan), Michelle Mountain (Grass Lake), Larry Peters (Rochester), Tom Whalen (Royal Oak). Set design is by Sarah Pearline, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Suzanne Young, lighting by Noele Stollmack and sound by Brad Phillips. Angie Kane Ferrante is the stage manager. Thomas Macias is the assistant 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 Shubert Foundation and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Production sponsors are Chelsea State Bank, Legacy Assisted Living and Daniel J. & Patricia Stankey. 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.

Ticket prices range from \$20.50 to \$46 with special discounts for students, seniors, teachers, members of the military and groups. For more information or to make reservations call (734) 433-7673 or go to [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 "Harvey"**

<b>Performance Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Week 1</b>			
Thursday, June 15	8:00 p.m.	\$22	Preview/Talkback
Friday, June 16	8:00 p.m.	\$31	Preview/Talkback
Saturday, June 17	3:00 p.m.	\$31	Preview/Talkback
Saturday, June 17	8:00 p.m.	\$36	Preview/Talkback
Sunday, June 18	2:00 p.m.	\$31	Preview/Talkback (Father's Day)
<b>Week 2</b>			
Wednesday, June 21	3:00 p.m.	\$25	Preview
Thursday, June 22	8:00 p.m.	\$22	Preview
Friday, June 23	8:00 p.m.	\$41	Opening Night
Saturday, June 24	3:00 p.m.	\$41	
Saturday, June 24	8:00 p.m.	\$46	

Sunday, June 25      2:00 p.m.    \$41

**Week 3**

Wednesday, June 28    3:00 p.m.    \$30

Thursday, June 29      3:00 p.m.    \$30      added matinee

Thursday, June 29      8:00 p.m.    \$27

Friday, June 30        8:00 p.m.    \$41

Saturday, July 1        3:00 p.m.    \$41

Saturday, July 1        8:00 p.m.    \$46

Sunday, July 2         2:00 p.m.    \$41

**Week 4**

Wednesday, July 5     3:00 p.m.    \$30

Thursday, July 6        8:00 p.m.    \$27

Friday, July 7           8:00 p.m.    \$20.50    Ford Friday w/ talkback

Saturday, July 8        3:00 p.m.    \$41

Saturday, July 8        8:00 p.m.    \$46

Sunday, July 9          2:00 p.m.    \$41

**Week 5**

Wednesday, July 12    3:00 p.m.    \$30

Thursday, July 13       3:00 p.m.    \$30      added matinee

Thursday, July 13       8:00 p.m.    \$27

Friday, July 14         8:00 p.m.    \$41

Saturday, July 15       3:00 p.m.    \$41

Saturday, July 15       8:00 p.m.    \$46

Sunday, July 16        2:00 p.m.    \$41

**Week 6**

Wednesday, July 19    3:00 p.m.    \$30

Thursday, July 20       3:00 p.m.    \$30      added matinee

Thursday, July 20 8:00 p.m. \$27

Friday, July 21 8:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, July 22 3:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, July 22 8:00 p.m. \$46

**Week 7**

(no Sun, July 23 perf. - Backyard BBQ)

Wednesday, July 26 3:00 p.m. \$30

Thursday, July 27 3:00 p.m. \$30 added matinee

Thursday, July 27 8:00 p.m. \$27

Friday, July 28 8:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, July 29 3:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, July 29 8:00 p.m. \$46

Sunday, July 30 2:00 p.m. \$41

**Week 8**

Wednesday, Aug. 2 3:00 p.m. \$30

Thursday, Aug. 3 8:00 p.m. \$27

Friday, Aug. 4 8:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, Aug. 5 3:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, Aug. 5 8:00 p.m. \$46

Sunday, Aug. 6 2:00 p.m. \$41

**Week 9**

Wednesday, Aug. 9 3:00 p.m. \$30 Talkback (WMU group)

Thursday, Aug. 10 3:00 p.m. \$30 added matinee

Thursday, Aug. 10 8:00 p.m. \$27

Friday, Aug. 11 8:00 p.m. \$20.50 Ford Friday w/ talkback

Saturday, Aug. 12 3:00 p.m. \$41

Saturday, Aug. 12 8:00 p.m. \$46

Sunday, Aug. 13 2:00 p.m. \$41

**Week 10**

Wednesday, Aug. 16	3:00 p.m.	\$30
Thursday, Aug. 17	8:00 p.m.	\$27
Friday, Aug. 18	8:00 p.m.	\$41
Saturday, Aug. 19	3:00 p.m.	\$41
Saturday, Aug. 19	8:00 p.m.	\$46
Sunday, Aug. 20	2:00 p.m.	\$41

**Week 11**

Wednesday, Aug. 23	3:00 p.m.	\$30	
Thursday, Aug. 24	3:00 p.m.	\$30	added matinee
Thursday, Aug. 24	8:00 p.m.	\$27	
Friday, Aug. 25	8:00 p.m.	\$41	
Saturday, Aug. 26	3:00 p.m.	\$41	
Saturday, Aug. 26	8:00 p.m.	\$46	Closing Night