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Dear Friends and Patrons,

Twenty years ago, Jeff Daniels invited me into his creative home — The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Each season since, our doors have been open to emerging talent and seasoned professionals. And to you.

Jeff designed a place where a theatre ensemble can create a dramatic experience that elevates the human spirit. A place where we can develop and produce new plays and classic works that celebrate and illuminate love, laughter, and the resilience of the human heart right here. It is a welcoming place in the collaborative nature of a family.

You are an integral part of this family. Because of your continuing generosity, our home is stronger now in our 27<sup>th</sup> season than ever before.

We provide a forum for established artists to experiment in a protected environment. We remain committed to nurturing our up-and-coming talent. Our Apprentice Program is unrivaled in the region, and continues to train the next generation of theatre pros. The Purple Rose has given more young theatre people their professional debuts and credentials than any other theatre in the Great Lakes region.

This season is a poignant demonstration of our place as a world-class theatre. We are staging three world premieres written by Michigan playwrights: David MacGregor, Jeff Duncan and Jeff Daniels. Two of these productions are local stories — *Willow Run* and *Flint*. All of them explore issues of the heart while always searching for the soul.

The Purple Rose Theatre experience has room for everyone. We strive to remain accessible through discounts for students, teachers, and veterans. We reach into our community and classrooms with readings, lectures, and workshops.

Your gift will help ensure that we remain strong and vibrant.

Come spend an afternoon or evening with us in our theatre, our creative home, in the beautiful town of Chelsea. You're always welcome.

Thanks for being part of our family.

Guy Sanville Artistic Director