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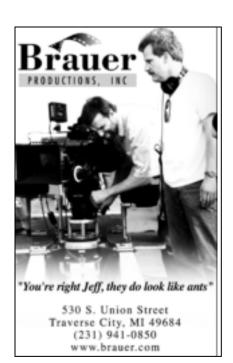
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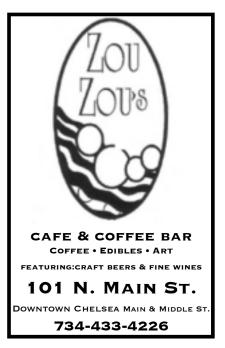
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Lanny	David Bendena*
Walter	
Robert	Richard McWilliams*
Harmon	Rusty Mewha*
Esther	Ruth Crawford*
Tanesha	K Edmonds*
Francine	Kristin Shields*
Darlene	Caitlin Cavannaugh*

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PLACE & TIME:

The play's two main settings are a small coffeehouse folk club in January, 2020, and aboard a bus going north through central Illinois in July, 1978. Flashbacks to other times and places occur within these two locations.

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DAVID BENDENA (*Lanny*) Roadsigns is David's 12th production with The Purple Rose, where he is very proud to be a Resident Artist. Big thanks to Jeff, Guy, Angie, 2188 Studios, and everyone on this ride. He'd also like to thank anyone who ever taught him anything about music. Especially his brother.



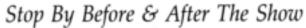
CAITLIN CAVANNAUGH (Darlene) is honored and psyched to be at The Purple Rose again after the Sherlock Holmes Adventures, All My Sons, Never Not Once, Willow Run, and Harvey. Some other favorite credits include Twelfth Night (Viola) and Carousel (Carrie) with Texas Shakespeare Festival and Marat/Sade (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 in Chicago. All the love and gratitude for her #1 supporter, her mom, her grandparents, and to Guy, Michelle, Rhi, Angie, Katie, Amy, Devin, Thomas, Ben, Luke, the apprentices, and every single person in The Purple Rose family for believing in and supporting her, and to Jeff for bringing her many Megabus trips to life. More at www. caitlincavannaugh.webs.com.

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RUTH CRAWFORD (Esther) has previously appeared at The Purple Rose in Welcome to Paradise, Harvey, Morning's At Seven and Poetry of Pizza. She's also worked extensively at other Detroit area Equity theatres. She was in The Gin Game at Williamston Theatre; Ripcord at the Tipping Point; Rites of Passage at the JET; Good People at the Performance Network and Arsenic and Old Lace at Meadow Brook Theatre. As a member of the Colony Theatre in LA, her work included roles in The Cocktail Hour, Ring Round the Moon, and Morning's At Seven. Ruth has also been featured in a number of movies and TV shows filmed in the Detroit area including a recurring role in Detroiters, Low Winter Sun, Flipped, Trust and Guest Artist with Jeff Daniels.



K EDMONDS (Tanesha) is proud to return to The Purple Rose stage! She was last seen here in the smash hit Willow Run. Some of K's many credits include Devil's Music (Bessie Smith) and The Revolutionists (Marianne); both at Theatre Nova, Good People (Kate) at Open Book Theatre, Rosie the Riveter (Bernice) at Wild Swan Theatre. Ain't Misbehavin' (Armelia) at Performance Network Theatre and Ruined (Josephine) with Plowshares Theatre. On stage isn't the only place K shines; she is an accomplished musician, writer, as well as an award-winning director (Boxfest Detroit 2011), which enabled her to begin her multimedia company, K Edmonds Media. A graduate of Second City Detroit and the International Academy of Design and Technology, with a certificate in hilarity and a B.F.A in Digital Media Production respectively. K feels blessed to have the support of her Mom, Beverly, and to get such great inspiration from her daughter Kemi, and all the talented people she has had the pleasure to work with throughout her career.







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RICHARD McWILLIAMS (Robert) was last seen on the Purple Rose stage in All My Sons. He is a Purple Rose Resident Artist where he has also appeared in Harvey, Morning's At Seven, 33 Variations. The Vast Difference, and Annapurna. Other theatre credits include The Price (Syracuse Stage and Geva Theatre Center), Long Day's Journey into Night (Greenbrier Valley Theatre), Broadway Bound (Drury Lane Theatre), A Moon for the Misbegotten, Richard III (Kansas City Repertory Theatre) and Desire Under the Elms (The Guthrie Theater). Broadway: Orpheus Descending. Off-Broadway: The Night Hank Williams Died and Macbeth. FILM: Guest Artist (written by Jeff Daniels). Many thanks to Guy, Michelle, Jeff and the entire PRTC family. Love to Lindsay and Terri.





RUSTY MEWHA (Harmon) is honored to be a Resident Artist at the Purple Rose. PRTC credits: All My Sons, Never Not Once, Diva Royale, Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear, God of Carnage, Harvey, Morning's at Seven, 2AZ, PRTC Spring Comedy Festival: Lovers, Liars, and Lunatics, The Vast Difference, Miles and Ellie, and Honus and Me. Huge thanks to Guy, Jeff, Amy, Katie, the amazing apprentices, stage management team, our Board, and you, the audience. All for love and beauty. Thanks to Robyn, Sola, Asher, Chaya, and Ellie, for the endless love and support.





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KRISTIN SHIELDS (Francine) is a proud Resident Artist at The Purple Rose. She originated the role of Mary Catherine in *Diva Royale*, was an understudy in All My Sons and Flint, and is excited to be a part of more upcoming productions this season. Most recently, she appeared as Catherine in The Heiress with The Lakeside Theatre Company in Toledo, OH. NYC theatre credits include plays at The Workshop Theatre, Fringe NYC, and Musicals Tonight!; 1st National Tour: Dora the Explorer in Nickelodeon's GO DIEGO GO LIVE!; Commercials for L'Oreal, LG, Orbit Gum, Dick's Sporting Goods and more. BFA in Musical Theatre from The University of Michigan. Sincere thanks to Guy, Jeff, Angie, Rhi, Devin and the whole Rose tribe for cultivating this special home for Michigan artists. Love to Scottie, my sweet boys, and our incredibly supportive family.



TOM WHALEN (Walter) was last seen on The Purple Rose stage as Escoffier in last fall's production of Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Fallen Soufflé. He is a Purple Rose Resident Artist where he has appeared in All My Sons, Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear, Harvey, Morning After Grace, 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.



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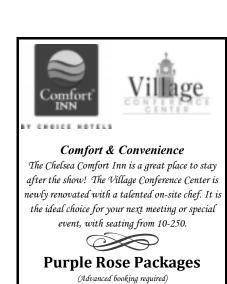
COMPOSER



BEN DANIELS (*Composer*) is a singer/songwriter for the Ben Daniels Band, an audio engineer for 2188 Studio in Chelsea, MI and a comedian at home. As a Resident Artist of The Purple Rose Theater Company, Ben helped with the music for *Roadsigns*. He hopes you enjoy the ride.

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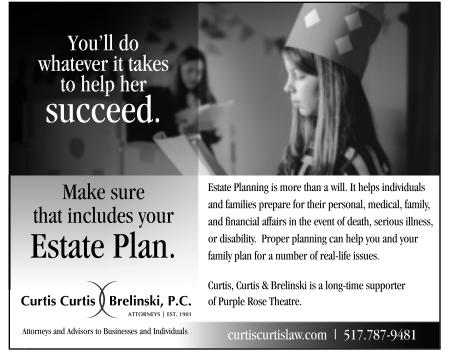


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DIRECTOR



GUY SANVILLE (Director) has served as Artistic Director of the Purple Rose since May 1, 1995. Roadsigns is the 62nd show Guy has directed for The Purple Rose including 43 world premieres. Credits include world premieres of Flint, 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 and Willow Run by Jeff Duncan. Member: Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, Actors' Equity Association, and SAG-AFTRA, For Rose.



ANGIE KANE (Musical Director & Sound Designer) is a proud Resident Artist here at The Purple Rose. She previously served as the Vocal Director, Assistant Director, and Understudy on Willow Run and Sound Designer for Casting Session and Steel Magnolias here at The Rose. Most recently she assistant directed All My Sons before setting out to attempt a thru hike of the Pacific Crest Trail last spring—completing approximately 900 miles before returning home. Angie has been given the opportunity to work in many different capacities in this great theatre, including having the honor of directing Talley's Folly by Lanford Wilson in 2015. She would like to thank Guy for his support and for continuing to welcome her into his corner of the ring, to Jeff for the opportunity to step into and create this world, to Rhi, Ben, Michelle, Amy, Katie, the amazing apprentices and the entire staff of The Purple Rose-cheers to you, my friends-We are the music makers. We are the dreamers of dreams. For my parents, Kathy and Bob, who have supported me through it all, and continue to nurture my musical soul.

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SHELBY NEWPORT (Costume Designer) is an associate professor of theatre at the University of Michigan-Flint, where she is currently serving as the Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. She received her M.F.A. from Purdue University and completed her undergraduate studies at Cornell College. She designs regionally at Tipping Point Theatre, Kickshaw Theatre, Detroit Public Theatre, Flint Repertory Theatre, and is a Resident Artist here at The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Her designs have been seen internationally in London and Margate, England. Shelby is thrilled to be designing costumes for Roadsigns, It is her ninth production at PRTC, previously she designed costumes for Diva Royale, Flint, God of Carnage, Smart Love, Morning After Grace, Casting Session, Superior Donuts, and A Stone Carver. You can see more of Shelby's work at www.shelbynewport.com.

SARAH PEARLINE (Scenic Designer) has worked as a set and projection designer 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 Associate 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 Hope Summer Rep Theatre, Detroit Public Theatre, Carrie Morris Arts Production and PuppetArt Theatre, Satori Circus and the DIA. As a Resident Artist here at PRTC, she previously designed All My Sons, Never Not Once, Willow Run, Harvey, Vino Veritas, Morning's At Seven and Talley's Folly and is grateful to join the artists here for another fabulous show!



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DANNA SEGREST (*Properties Designer*) has enjoyed the PRTC family since volunteering as backstage dresser for our first production, *Blush at Nothing*. She became an Equity Stage Manager for *Shoe Man* by Jeff Daniels in 1991 and stage managed many shows while training some of the PRTC's first apprentices. Danna now wears many hats as Resident Properties Designer, a Resident Artist, Archival Photographer and Box Office Assistant. Danna is grateful for this opportunity to design the props once again for the production of a Jeff Daniels show. Thanks to Wade and Reeve for taking this ROAD and heeding the SIGNS with Amazing Grace.



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 Santa Fe, 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, First Stage Children's Theatre and Baltimore Center Stage. 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 Diarv.





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DEVIN FAUGHT (Stage Manager) is a proud Resident Artist and former apprentice of The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Previous shows on the stage management team include God of Carnage, Flint, Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear, Willow Run, Diva Royale, Never Not Once, All My Sons, Welcome to Paradise, and Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Fallen Soufflé. Thank you to Guy, Michelle, and Angie for their mentorship. Thank you Katie, Amy, Aubrey, and Abby for your tireless efforts. Thank you Megan, Anna, and Jessica. Double thank you to Thomas. And thank you, Jeff, for an artistic home.

ANGIE KANE (Assistant Stage Manager) is a proud Resident Artist here at The Purple Rose. Roadsigns mark her 18th production as an SM here at The Rose since 2013. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve this new work in so many ways. Thanks to this incredible cast, crew, and production team, and love to Devin and Thomas... cheers to everything this year holds.





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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

GUY SANVILLE is a professional actor, director, writer, and teacher. He celebrates his 25th anniversary as Artistic Director in May 2020. He has directed over 60 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.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

KATIE HUBBARD is so pleased to be managing the business of The Purple Rose for the last 6 years. 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 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. She could not have this dream job without the love and support of her family.



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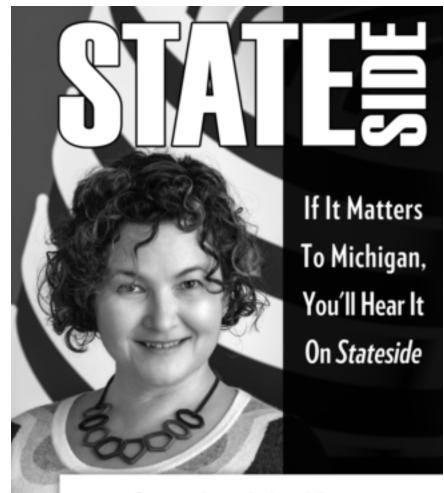
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Arthur & Sandra Welch
Tracey Wentz & Chuck Blackmer
Lisa Whalen -In memory of
Nancee Sanville
John Whitaker
Avis L. White
Lynn & John White
Sandy & Sarah Wiener
Stuart & Nancy Winston

Denise Wirtz
David & Jean Wolski
Ann & David Wood
Sally Wright Smith
Roberta Young
Henry Zelisse
Fred & Miriam Sass Zuidveld
Lois Zurvalec
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1991

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

The PRTC moved into temporary offices in September 1999 while the building underwent a 16-month renovation project.

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



Guys on Ice

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



Escanaba In Love

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

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



Steel Magnolias

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

2018 / 2019

Diva Royale* by Jeff Daniels September 20 - December 29, 2018

Never Not Once* by Carey Crim January 17 - March 16, 2019

All My Sons by Arthur Miller April 4 - June 1, 2019

Welcome to Paradise* by Julie Marino June 20 - August 31, 2019

2019 / 2020

Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Fallen Souffle* by David MacGregor September 19 - December 21, 2019

Roadsigns* by Jeff Daniels January 16 - March 14, 2020

Paint Night* by Carey Crim April 2 - May 30, 2020

A Walk Around the Table* by Lauren Knox June 18 - August 29, 2020



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Wednesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thurs & Fri 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday Noon - 10:00 PM
Sunday Noon - 4:00 PM

Performance Times

Wednesday at 3:00 PM Thursday & Friday at 8:00 PM Saturday at 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM Sunday at 2:00 PM

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Tickets

Tickets may be purchased by phone or online at www.PurpleRoseTheatre. org with Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

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During performances, please turn off or silence cellular phones, watch alarms and other electronic devices.

Accessibility

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Refreshments

Please do not bring anything to eat or drink into the theatre.

Babes-in-arms

Out of consideration for our patrons and performers, babes-in-arms are not allowed in our theatre during performances.

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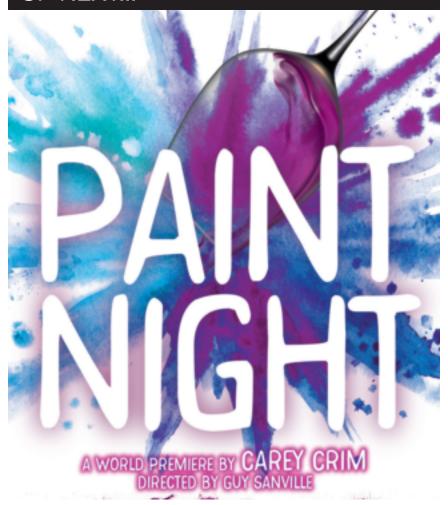
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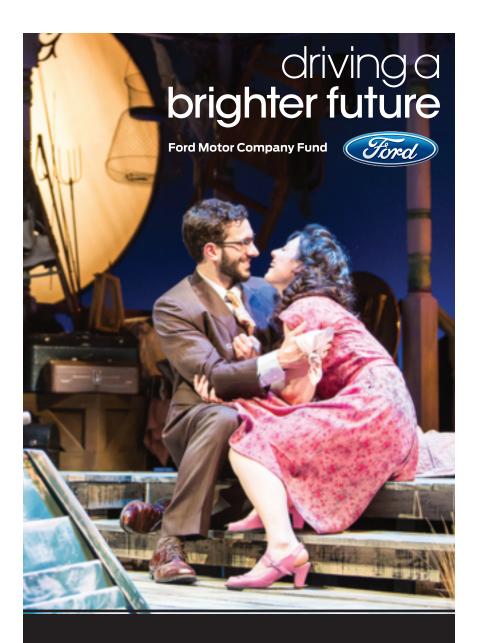
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