

# PCKLEBALL A WORLD PREMIERE BY JEFF DANIELS DIRECTED BY RHIANNON RAGLAND







#### Can A PICKLEBALL Play Save Our Humanity?

Well, funny as that may sound, that's actually a real hope. We know the facts, that theatre, the arts in general and sports, help children stay active, increase self esteem, build social skills, and produce better test scores. But what about us, the adults?

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Seems like a lofty ambition as we stage a pretend game with a whiffle (\*ahem Pickle) ball doesn't it? Well, the truth is our stories intertwine with entertainment all the time, from the teams we follow and cheer for, to the art form we admire and appreciate. We accept these moments without thinking about it as we sit in the stands together, groaning about a missed play or as we sit in these purple seats sharing a laugh or a tear. This is our challenge and hope for you, our audience, and the reason we've decided to tell this story now.

Do we hope our art is funny? Yes. Do we hope you laugh and forget your troubles even for a moment? Yes. Do we hope there's something deeper behind that for you? Absolutely. Behind the exciting production we present to you today, we hope you can see that common laughter with those around you can create intimate relationships, build coping mechanisms, and even enable endorphins that can help release anxiety and bring you feelings of security.

So please take a moment to look around the theatre today and recognize that, no matter how different, you've all come here with a common goal today. To play together.

Rhiannon Ragland Artistic Associate

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## PICKLEBALL

## by Jeff Daniels

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Properties Design by DANNA SEGREST Rehearsal Stage Manager PATRICK IAN MCCALL\*

Production Stage Manager DANA GAMARRA\*

## Directed by RHIANNON RAGLAND

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Perfect	Kate Thomsen*
Billie	Caitlin Cavannaugh*
Larry	Ryan Carlson*
Sheldon	Lynch R. Travis*
Spike	Jonathan West*

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PLACE:

The play takes place in various locations in and around a public park in Royal Oak, Michigan.

<u>TIME:</u> Present Day

## PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO intermission during the performance.

Please keep the aisles clear for the actors' entrances and exits.

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RYAN CARLSON (Larry) is so very grateful to be returning to The Purple Rose Theatre stage. You may remember him from such shows as Superior Donuts, Hot L Baltimore, The Glass Menagerie or Completing Dahlia to name a few. Ryan has been an AEA union member since the age of nineteen. He has worked professionally all over Michigan including at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, Tipping Point Theatre and Jewish Ensemble Theatre. Having done thousands of performances, he is hard pressed to pick a favorite show, but productions like Escanaba In Da Moonlight, Funnyman, A Steady Rain, A Lie of the Mind and The Tropical *Pickle* will forever hold a memorable place in his heart. Upon earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Detroit, Rvan became Artistic Director of Planet Ant during its first two seasons as a professional theatre. Ryan would like to thank you for supporting live local union strong productions like this. Much love and thanks goes out to his supportive family. Find out where and when Ryan's next show will be by following him on the socials. www.theryancarlson.com



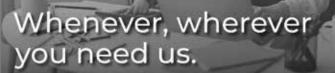
CAITLIN CAVANNAUGH (Billie) is excited and blessed to be back at The Purple Rose. This is Caitlin's 9th production with the PRTC, where she's honored to be a Resident Artist. She has also performed with the Texas Shakespeare Festival, Sabanci International Theatre Festival in Turkey, and Chicago theatres, such as Victory Gardens and Stage 773. TV: "American Rust" and "Chicago Fire". Proud grad of Northern Illinois University (BFA Acting) with a Certificate in Acting from Moscow Art Theatre School. Huge thanks to Jeff, Rhi, Rae, Lucas, Amy, & Katie, to this cast and everyone behind the scenes, and to her #1 supporters - Uncle T, her grandparents, James, and the best mom ever. More at www.caitlincavannaugh.webs.com or IG: @caitlincavannaugh



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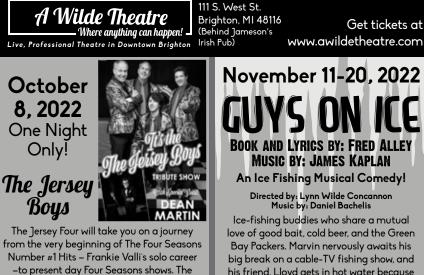


KATE THOMSEN (Perfect) joyfully returns to The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Prior PRTC credits include *Diva Royale*, *God of Carnage* and *Vino Veritas*. Kate holds a BA from Western Michigan University and an MFA in Acting from University of California, Irvine. She is a Resident Artist at the PRTC, an Assistant Professor for WMU's Theatre Department, and proudly associated with Shakespeare Behind Bars at the Brooks Correctional Facility in Muskegon. Deepest of thanks to the PRTC community for creating a place of magic and to the patrons for sharing some time with us.

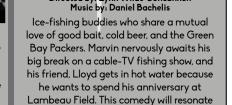
LYNCH R. TRAVIS (Sheldon) is a member of AEA and SAG/AFTRA and has received theater awards from the Ann Arbor News, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Oakland Press, EncoreMichigan, Lansing City Pulse and the Detroit Theatre Examiner for his work as an actor and director. He has also won Subscriber Awards at Performance Network and Detroit Repertory Theater. Lynch is a Resident Artist at The Purple Rose Theatre, where he leads their diversity, equity and inclusion outreach work. He also serves as Workshop Director for the Detroit Repertory Theater, and is a member of the University of Michigan CRLT Applied Theatre Company. He has taught Acting and Theater for Ann Arbor Public Schools, Michigan Actors Studio, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, Shakespeare in Detroit, the Vista Maria Residential Program for Girls, and quest lectured at Wayne State University and Oakland University. He is grateful to be appearing again on The Purple Rose stage.

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JONATHAN WEST (Spike) is an actor, writer and producer and he was last seen at The Purple Rose as Ceege Murphy in Jeffry Chastang's Under Ceege, directed by Lynch R. Travis. His recent regional stage work includes playing Santos in a reading of Romina Paula's Fauna, directed by April Sweeney, at the Segal Center in New York, and as King Arthur in Melody Bates' immersive, site-specific Avalon, directed by Joan Jubett, on Deer Isle, ME. Jonathan was most recently on film in Berkley, MI for Amy Weber's "A Girl Like Him" and in Grand Rapids, MI for Geert Heetebrij's "VRONIKA". Having provided voice work for Kale Davidoff's short film "Blackout". he is now a recurring voice actor for the "Chilling Tales for Dark Nights Podcast", and is currently working with Ozone Music and Sound on a number of video games and animated productions. Jonathan works as a public safety data analyst and lives with his family just outside Detroit, MI.



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## PLAYWRIGHT



JEFF DANIELS (Playwright) has premiered twenty full-length plays at The Purple Rose: 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 Runner-Up), Escanaba In Love, Panhandle Slim & The Oklahoma Kid, Escanaba, Best of Friends, The Meaning of Almost Everything (2013 ATCA Nominee), Casting Session, Flint, Diva Royale, Roadsigns, and Pickleball.

Jeff has also written pieces for the Sunday Arts & Leisure Section of The New York Times, Nora Guthrie's *Woody Guthrie: Songs And Art, Words And Wisdom*, and the forewords to Dave Hoekstrato's *The Camper Book: A Celebration of a Moveable American Dream*, and Craig Brass' *How To Quit Golf.* 

He has written three screenplays: "Escanaba In Da Moonlight", "Super Sucker", and "Guest Artist". Drawing from over twenty years of *Unplugged* performances at The Purple Rose, Daniels has written a show called, "Alive And Well Enough", which can soon be heard on Audible Originals. Two seasons of twelve episodes each, it's the book he's not going to write. With music.



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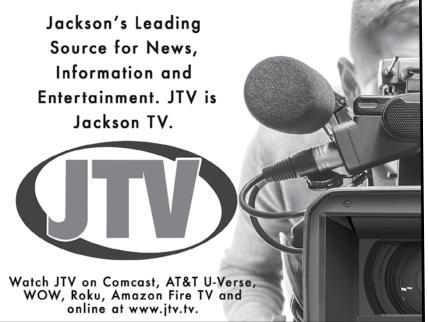
## DIRECTOR



RHIANNON RAGLAND (Director) is a Resident Artist with The Purple Rose Theatre and she is so honored to be returning for another World Premiere production! She hopes you enjoy the experience of this cast's work as much as she did! Rhiannon has worked as a Director. Choreographer and Assistant Director since 2010 and has helped stage over thirteen professional productions. PRTC directing credits include. Stone Carver (Wilde Award winner for Best Play) and Vino Veritas (revival 2017). As an actor. Rhiannon made her professional debut at The Purple Rose with the show. When the Lights Come On, and continued her education with roles in over twenty four professional productions. Some personal favorites include, Consider The Oyster, Best of Friends, Some Couples May..., and FLINT, and she was last seen in, Diva Royale. A huge thanks to Jeff, the Artistic Associates, the PA team, and the entire PRTC community for being fearless and doing the unsung work of keeping storytelling alive. Special thanks to her family, especially Punk and the Babiez for embracing our art in their lives.

LUCAS DANIELS (Assistant Director) is absolutely honored and ecstatic to be making his Assistant Directing debut at The Purple Rose Theatre Company with this World Premiere play, Pickleball by Jeff Daniels. Lucas couldn't imagine his debut anywhere else. Lucas grew up with The Purple Rose Theatre Company. After school, he would always visit his Grandma Daph here at the theatre. She was the first box office employee when The Purple Rose opened in 1991. Lucas loved hanging out with her here, she'd even let him answer the phone sometimes. Lucas didn't lose any ticket sales, promise. He also loved hanging out with the artists and staff who have worked here through the years. It appears Lucas always finds a way to comeback. And to be back here in the Assistant Directing Chair is absolutely incredible! Lucas is learning so much and loves being a part of this amazing work. Lucas couldn't do this job without the love and support of his girls, Shannon, Daphne, and Delaney. Love you so much.



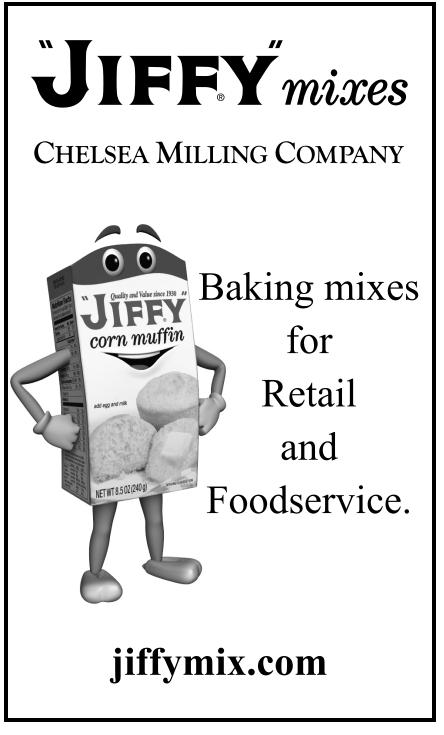


## DESIGNERS

ROBERT W. HUBBARD (*Sound Designer*) who studied theater arts at Eastern Michigan University leans on his film experience to craft sound for live performances. His designs for short films "Aces & Eights", "Animal", and "Taken" (not the Liam Neeson one) were nominated for awards at multiple festivals. His 2001 thesis project on the significance of sound and music in film, "The Zeptasia Project", received overwhelming attention and praise. Sound designs for the stage include the off broadway production of *The Ruin* as well as local productions of *Meatballs and Macaroni Casserole* and *Boise Idaho*. Rob would like to thank his wonderful wife and kids for the schedule bending and support that made this possible, Jeff for this challenging and exciting opportunity, and Rhiannon for giving him a shot.

SHELBY NEWPORT (*Costume Designer*) Shelby Newport is professor of theatre at the University of Michigan-Flint. 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 *Pickleball*, this is her tenth production at PRTC, previously she designed costumes for *Roadsigns, Diva Royale, Flint, God of Carnage, Smart Love, Morning After Grace, Casting Session, Superior Donuts,* and *Stone Carver.* You can see more of Shelby's work at www.shelbynewport.com. Special thanks to BAU-HOUSE (Flint, MI) for speciality shoe sourcing and for jojo+lo for their pickleball expertise and enthusiasm.

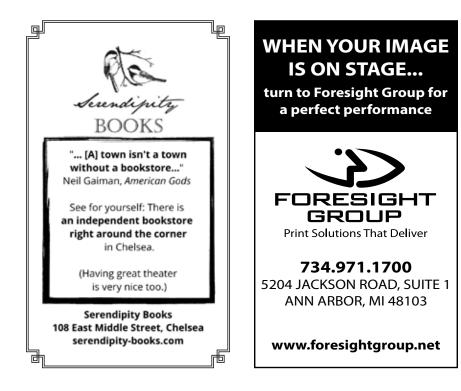
SARAH PEARLINE (*Scenic Designer*) has worked as a set and projection designer with such companies as Circus Flora, St. Louis Symphony, Experimental Theatre Wing, Titan Theatre Company, Prospect Theatre Company, SoHo Think Tank, Nickelodeon Networks, and NY Stage and Film. Sarah is an Associate Professor in the Theatre and Dance department at Wayne State University in Detroit. 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 *Under Ceege, Roadsigns, Never Not Once, Willow Run, Harvey, Vino Veritas, Morning's At Seven,* and *Talley's Folly* and is so grateful to be back with the artists here for another magical show!



## DESIGNERS

DANNA SEGREST (Properties Designer) is so happy to be back working here at The Purple Rose in the "2.0 comeback era" of Live Theatre! Danna has enjoyed being part of The Purple Rose Theatre Company since volunteering as backstage dresser for our first production, Blush at Nothing by Lisa Wing. She became an Equity Stage Manager for Shoe Man, Jeff Daniels' first PRTC production in 1991. Danna has stage managed many Purple Rose shows including the rehearsals of Under Ceege by Jeffry Chastang, that just opened our January 2022 season. Danna continues to wear many hats: Resident Properties Designer, Resident Artist, Archival Photographer and Box Office Assistance. Danna is grateful for this opportunity to design the props once again for a Jeff Daniels show. His talent and vision will lead The Purple Rose into the next 30 years. Thanks to Wade and Reeve for helping keep the ball in play!

NOELE STOLLMACK (Lighting Designer) Noele Stollmack'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 Baltimore Center Stage, Houston's Alley Theater, Wisconsin's Chamber Theatre, Renaissance Theaterworks, Skylight Music Theatre, American Players Theatre, Forward Theatre, Next Act Theater and Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Some notable examples of Noele's scenic realization and set design includes 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 the 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. Member: United Scenic Artists Local 829

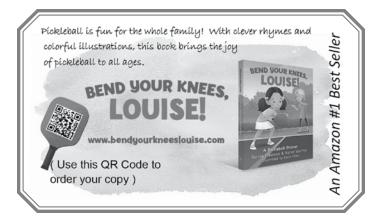




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## STAGE MANAGEMENT

DANA GAMARRA (Production Stage Manager) has stage managed in the Detroit Metropolitan area for over twenty five years. He has worked with the Gem/Century Theatre on such productions as Forbidden Broadway, The All Night Strut, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, and Beehive. Dana has worked here at The Purple Rose Theatre from the first production, Blush at Nothing, to more recently, Jeff Daniels Live & Unplugged. He also toured with Jeff around the country for live performances. For the past thirteen years, Dana has been teaching at Wayne State University where he's had the opportunity to mentor and teach Graduate and Undergraduates stage managers. He is currently the Production Coordinator and Area Head for both the Graduate and Undergraduate Stage Management Departments at Wayne State University. Dana has had the awesome opportunity to teach (part time) his introduction to stage management class at Oakland University for the past seven years. He is pleased to bring his expertise to the Varner, Hilberry, Bonstelle, Studio and Maggie Allesee Dance Studio Theatres, and is thrilled to be working with The Purple Rose to continue the tradition of great theatre and dance in southeastern Michigan. Dana is a very proud member of Actor's Equity Association where he had been the Liaison Chair for over twenty years. Lastly, he cannot express enough words for the love he has for his wife Karen, and his girls Katalyn, Natalie and Rosalie!!!



Congratulations to Jeff on his new play and to Kathleen for her Pickleball expertise!

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> > Kathy Schmaltz



## STAGE MANAGEMENT

PATRICK IAN MCCALL (Rehearsal Stage Manager/Production Assistant Stage Manager) Theatrician. Stage manager, exproduction manager, once and future actor, occasional designer and director, former hammer-swinger & paintslinger. Ugly crier, writer of wrongs, deleter of social media accounts, and fan of Steinbeck, Zatoichi, and María Irene Fornés. Once mistaken in a Walt Disney World restaurant for Fisher Stevens by a couple on a date who refused to believe me-it got awkward. First concert: Journey and Bryan Adams; best concert: Ani Difranco. First Broadway show: 1986-87 revival of John Guare's The House of Blue Leaves (dir. Jerry Zaks) with Danny Aiello, Swoosie Kurtz, Christine Baranski, John Mahoney, and little Benny Stiller. Third-degree military brat-Army, Navy, Air Force. Residencies: The Rocket City, some base in Deutschland, Groton, Chucktown, Lake County, Walter P. Chrysler's boyhood home, The Little Apple, the Air Capital of the World, Yell County, Bossier Parrish, The Magic City; The Big Apple, O-Town, Gator Country, HHI, The Steel City, Oakland County, Buick City, PVD. IWW, AEA.

KAREN ANNE GEORGE (Rehearsal Assistant Stage Manager) Originally from Royal Oak, MI, Karen made her professional stage management debut this summer as Assistant Stage Manager for Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine. Karen graduated from Albion College in 2021 with a BA in Theatre and Economics & Management. During her time at Albion, she stage managed seven department productions, including Men on Boats, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Detroit '67. She joined The Purple Rose family in October 2021 as a House Manager, and is excited to rejoin the Front of House team for the remainder of the run. She sends all her love and gratitude to her parents, Ron and Maggie George, her family, friends, and professors, especially Zach Fischer and Joel Klain. Extra special thanks to Sam VanderVeen, her first and favorite Assistant TO the Stage Manager, for four years of late night chats and endless moral support.

## FOUNDER & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

JEFF DANIELS has been the Artistic Director of his career for forty six years. Stepping into the role at The Purple Rose, he is giving his decades worth of experience to the talented artists who call The Purple Rose their creative home. Aside from his playwriting, Jeff directed the PRTC production of Lanford Wilson's Hot L Baltimore (1997) as well as his own play, Boom Town (1998). On film, he wrote, directed, and starred in two independent features: "Escanaba In Da Moonlight" (2001) and "Super Sucker" (2002), both shot in Michigan. In 1976, Jeff became a member of New York's Circle Repertory Company and over the decades appeared on Broadway in *Fifth Of July* (1980), The Golden Age (1984), Redwood Curtain (1993), God Of Carnage (2009), Blackbird (2016), and To Kill A Mockingbird (2018). He has been nominated for five Golden Globes, five Emmys (winning for "Newsroom" and "Godless"), three Tony Nominations, and the industry coveted Best Actor Over Fifty Award from the AARP. Next year, he can be seen on Netflix in David E. Kelley's adaptation of Tom Wolfe's 1998 novel, "A Man In Full", as well as Season 2 of "American Rust" on Amazon FreeVee.

## MANAGING DIRECTOR

KATIE HUBBARD is so pleased to be managing the business of The Purple Rose for the last 9 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 and past AEA Stage Manager. Katie could not have this "dream job" without the love and support of her family. She is proud to be PURPLE.

## ARTISTIC ASSOCIATES

LUCAS DANIELS is celebrating 1 year with this show as an Artistic Associate here at The Purple Rose Theatre Company! With a year in the books, Lucas is very excited for this next season! This season is the first full season with the new Artistic Directing Team, Jeff, Rae and Rhi, that consists of 3 World Premieres and a Michigan Premiere. Up first, this World Premiere of *Pickleball* by Jeff Daniels. Lucas is a Michigan State University graduate, 2011 (Go Green!). He's also a graduate of the Purple Rose Apprenticeship Program, 2011-2012. Lucas is a part of Actor's Equity Association and received his card in 2012, here at The Purple Rose. Lucas couldn't do this job without the love and support of his family. Love You So Much, Shannon, Daphne, and Delaney.

RACHEL KEOWN is a 2008 graduate of University of North Carolina School of the Arts School of Filmmaking, majoring in Cinematography and Screenwriting. She came to Michigan in 2012 as a transplant from California, where she worked as a writer's assistant, camera assistant, and engaged in a screenplay development group in Malibu. She is a director, actor, and playwright. She was awarded a spot at The Mitten Lab playwriting intensive in 2019, developed work with the Inkwell Theatre in Los Angeles, and most recently had original work produced by Theatre Nova, and Planet Ant's BoxFest Detroit. She is now The Purple Rose Theatre's Artistic Associate in charge of new play development, playwright engagement, and literary management. She thanks Xander for... everything. "Thanks, child."

RHIANNON RAGLAND has worn many hats at The Purple Rose and is honored to return in this new capacity on another world premiere. A proud member of Actors' Equity Association, she made her professional acting debut here in 2007 and continued her education with roles in over 24 productions. As a Resident Artist, Rhiannon has also worked as a choreographer and director since 2010, helping stage over 13 productions and winning a Wilde Award for her direction of, *A Stone Carver* (Best Play). Special thanks to Jeff, Katie and Amy for doing the unsung work to keep storytelling alive. And thank you to her family, WokeD, Punk, ODawg and Nugget for building a life full of creativity.

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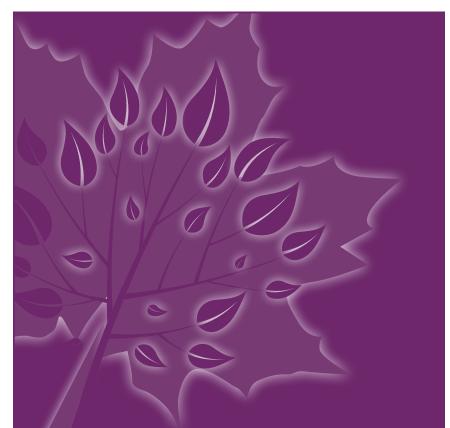
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## PICKLEBALL

by Jeff Daniels

## **Additional Program Information**

Harpist	Caitlin Cavannaugh
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Original Song 'Up The Middle Solves The Riddle' written and performed by Ben Daniels, sampled from 'Lose Yourself' by Eminem

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## **Understudies**

Understudies never substitute for listed characters unless a specific announcement for the appearance is made at the time of the performance.

Perfect	Meghan VanArsdalen*
Billie	Meghan VanArsdalen*
Larry	Rusty Mewha*
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## At this performance, the role of *Perfect / Billie* will be played by Meghan VanArsdalen\*



MEGHAN VANARSDALEN is thrilled to return to The Purple Rose, where she was last seen in *Welcome to Paradise*. She has appeared onstage in New York City at the Actors Studio, the Hudson Guild Theatre, and the Tank. Her Michigan credits include *Be a Good Little Widow* and *Doubt* (Open Book Theatre), *Constellations* (Theatre NOVA), *All Childish Things* (Roustabout Theatre Troupe), and *A Christmas Carol, Little Women*, and *The Wizard of Oz* (Wild Swan Theater). Meghan has taught drama with Wild Swan and Arts Detroit and currently teaches with Theatre NOVA for Ann Arbor Rec and Ed. A Michigan native, she holds a BA in theater from Siena Heights University and an MFA in acting from the New School for Drama. Heartfelt thanks to Rhiannon and the rest of the Purple Rose team for this opportunity, and to her husband and family for all their support.

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At this performance, the role of *Larry / Spike* will be played by Rusty Mewha\*



RUSTY MEWHA is excited to be working as an understudy on a Jeff Daniels world premiere play. He has previously understudied at The Purple Rose for *Flint*, *Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Fallen Soufflé*, *2AZ*, *When the Lights Come On*, and *Honus and Me*. He's also been cast in a bunch of plays. Proud Purple Rose Resident Artist, Actors' Equity member, SAG/AFTRA member, and family man. Much love to you all.

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At this performance, the role of *Sheldon* will be played by Jon Bennett\*



JON BENNETT is humbled to be apart of the debut run of Jeff Daniels', *Pickleball*. Jon has appeared in several Ann Arbor area plays over the years including, Performance Network's productions of *The Clean House*, as Charles, *Doubt a Parable*, as Father Flynn, *Sonya Flew*, as Daniel, and *Burn This*, as Burton. Jon has also appeared as a guest star in several television shows including, "Chicago Fire", "Chicago Med", "In An Instant", "Detroiters", and "Outsiders". Jon would like to thank Rhiannon Ragland for the opportunity, Katie Hubbard, Amy Klain and the rest of The Purple team for their immeasurable hard work, and Jeff Daniels for making it all possible.

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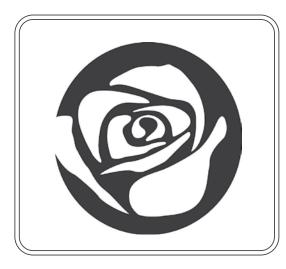
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> Upcoming Play Reading Via Zoom: Saturday, November 5 at 10:30am

> > "Dirty Legal Secrets" by Sarah Feingold

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#### 1991

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

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

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#### 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

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

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#### 1998 / 1999

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*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 lowa\* 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

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#### 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



Escanaba In Love

#### 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 The Purple Rose Theatre Company Productions

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

#### 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

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#### 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 Soufflé\* by David MacGregor September 19 - December 21, 2019

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

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the PRTC was closed after just two shows of season 29.

#### 2020 / 2021

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the PRTC closed for the entirety of season 30.

9 virtual readings took place via Zoom in partnership with the Chelsea District Library.

#### 2021 / 2022

Under Ceege\* by Jeffry Chastang January 20 - March 12, 2022

Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine\* by David MacGregor April 15 - August 27, 2022

#### 2022 / 2023

*Pickleball\** by Jeff Daniels September 30 - December 17, 2022

Human Error by Eric Pfeffinger February 3 - March 18, 2023

*In Common*\* by Quinn D. Eli April 21 - June 3, 2023

A Jukebox For The Algonquin\* by Paul Stroili July 7 - September 2, 2023

## COMING UP NEXT...



## **HUMAN ERROR**

a Michigan Premiere by Eric Pfeffinger directed by Lynch R. Travis **February 3 - March 18, 2023** 

Madelyn and Keenan are NPR-listening, latte-sipping blue-staters who are planning a family. Or they were, anyway, until the fertility clinic screwed up and accidentally implanted their fertilized embryo in another uterus — a uterus belonging to a small-government churchgoing NRA cardholder. Can these ideologically hostile couples make it together through nine months of gestation without killing each other?

\*Contains adult language & content

Groups Sales of 12+ begin July 1, 2022 Donor Sales begin Dec. 6, 2022 General Sales begin Dec. 20, 2022

\*World Premiere

## PATRON INFORMATION

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info@purplerosetheatre.org Fax: 734.475.0802

#### **Box Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday: 1:00 рм - 6:00 рм

#### Performance Schedule:

 Monday
 CLOSED

 Tues & Wed
 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

 Thurs & Fri
 1:00 PM - 9:30 PM

 Saturday
 1:00 PM - 9:30 PM

 Sunday
 12 Noon - 5:00 PM

#### **Performance Times**

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

Visit PurpleRoseTheatre.org for complete schedules and added performance dates.

#### Tickets

Photo ID must be presented at the box office to see the show.

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

Full payment is due at time of reservation. Patrons may exchange or cancel tickets up to 24 hours prior to performance without penalty. Web sales fees are nonrefundable.

Group reservations for 12 or more are available at a discount of \$4 per ticket. Tickets must be pre-paid three weeks prior to performance.

#### **COVID-19 Safety Policies**

Masks are strongly recommended inside the theatre building. Visit PurpleRoseTheatre.org/covid-19/ for our complete policy information.

#### **Gift Cards**

Gift Cards are available in any amount! See the Box Office for more details.

#### **No Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not permitted inside the building.

#### **Cameras and Recording Devices**

The making of photographs and/or recordings is strictly prohibited inside the theatre.

#### **Electronic Devices**

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

#### Accessibility

The PRTC complies with all current ADA Standards. New to 2021, hearing loop technology was installed in the building. Assisted listening devices and large print programs are available upon request at our Box Office for all performances.

#### 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.

#### **Complimentary Cough Tablets**

These are available at the Box Office. To avoid performance distractions, please unwrap them prior to the performance, at intermission or during the break between scenes.

#### Please Remain Seated

Actors may be using the aisles for entrances and exits during the show.

#### Late Seating

Once the performance has begun, seating is at the discretion of the House Manager.

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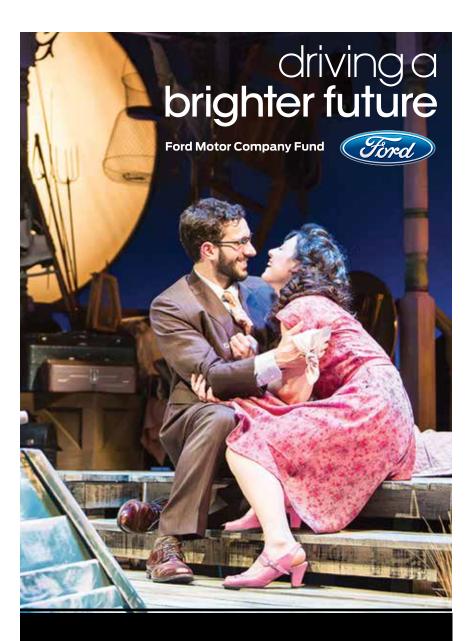
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