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We're in an era of comfort. We want soft pants and soft stories. We watch the same movies and tv shows, get re-made, re-vived, and re-unioned. But we have to wonder, have we lost our love to create? Are we more interested in soothing the anxiety with comfort than challenging it with a new idea? Is it ease over art?

The popular idiom was "Out with the old, in with the new"... except now, we keep bringing back the old. It's like looking in the mirror. It's all of the things you recognize; it's familiar and safe. We like being able to see ourselves in these circumstances, in these stories. And that's great; we all want that. But, can we *only* look at the world through our mirror?

Here at The Purple Rose we try to bring fresh new work to our audiences resulting in world premieres. Even when we choose to do a revival or an American classic, we have a new way of looking at it or a fresh idea to tell the story.

A new play is like an adventure into the unknown. There are more decisions and crafting and planning that have to be in place. Which is a risk. It's why The Purple Rose World Premiere Fund was created. To protect the risks that we inevitably must conquer when doing new works.

And why do we take that risk? Well, for you. We risk opening a window for our audience to give them a glimpse of a world they are not used to seeing. We accept the risk as the cost for opportunity and innovation. We risk opening a door for you to have the chance of learning more about the human experience. Through action, emotion and storytelling. We risk, because we hope that you taking a chance on us, will lead to a more creative community.

We thank you for taking a risk with us tonight, as we challenge you with another new world premiere play.

Rhiannon Ragland
In Common Director
PRTC Artistic Associate

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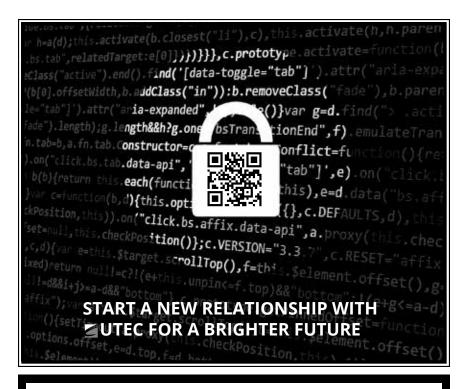
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Cyrus	Dez Walke
Blair	Rachel Keown
Hal	Rusty Mewha
Vivian	Olivia Miller
Melanie	Caitlin Cavannaugh

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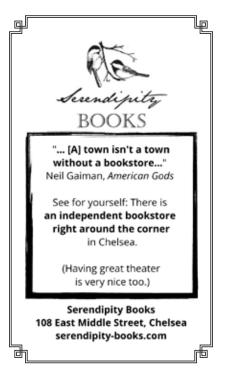
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CAITLIN CAVANNAUGH (Melanie) is excited to be back at The Purple Rose! This is Caitlin's 10th production onstage at the PRTC, where she's honored to be a Resident Artist. She has also performed with the Texas Shakespeare Festival, Sabanci International Theatre Festival in Turkey, and numerous 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 the Moscow Art Theatre School. You can see her next at Tipping Point Theatre in Game. Set. Match. this summer. Huge thanks to Jeff, Rhi, Lucas, Amy, Katie, Alexis, to this incredible cast and everyone behind the scenes, and to her #1 supporters her grandparents, James, and the best mom ever. More at www.caitlincavannaugh.webs.com or IG: @caitlincavannaugh



RACHEL KEOWN (Blair) is a graduate of UNC School of the Arts. She followed a career that centered around the development of new work as a playwright, director, and dramaturg in California. Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, and Texas. Rachel has worked as a Cinematographer, Camera Operator, Camera Assistant, and Screenwriter; she also helped to pilot, contribute, and edit online magazine Deflowered Memoirs, and was a member of screenwriting group, Writer's Block. In 2010, for funsies and totally not manic-induced!, she joined a Bonneville Motorcycle Racing Team and obtained an International Landspeed Record (top average speed 141 mph). In 2019, she spent time at the Mitten Lab (Bear Lake) as a playwright in residency, to develop Box Cutter, which ended with a performance at Interlochen. By 2020, her second play, Thank You, But Fuck You was completed, and later workshopped by L.A.'s Inkwell Theatre. That same year, two short plays, Dutch Baby and Book'd premiered virtually at Theatre Nova. "To the 9C and 9D Works-in-Progress; to those with whom I've enjoyed a good cup of coffee or meal: Mike and the unfaltering loves of my life: Xander and Mom."

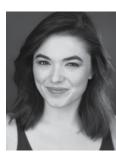




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RUSTY MEWHA (Hal) has a been a Purple Rose Resident Artist for ten years and is so grateful for this artistic home. This is his 15th production onstage at The Rose. Favorites include God of Carnage, the Sherlock Holmes Trilogy, Roadsigns, and Diva Royale. A proud member of Actors' Equity Association and SAG/AFTRA, Rusty is blessed to have made a career as an actor in southeast Michigan. Thanks to Jeff, Rhi, Amy, Katie, the stage management team, the design team, and the production team for making working here so dreamy. And to Robyn, Sola, Ash, Chaya, and Ellie: his undying love is yours.



OLIVIA MILLER (Vivian) is an actor and writer based in New York City. She is best known for writing and starring in Bloody Mary: Live!, an Offie Award-nominated one-woman show in which a teenaged Mary Tudor does stand-up comedy to defend her bloody legacy. Bloody Mary has been produced in the UK at The Vaults London, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival '22, Assembly Festival '21; in New York City at Caveat, The Duplex, Club Cumming; and in Boston at ART's OBERON. New York theater: Playwrights Horizons/WP (Regretfully So the Birds Are), Cherry Lane Theatre (Capsized), Theatre Row (Little Egg Big World), Shadowland Stages (Airness), Caveat (M3GAN the Musical), The Green Room 42 (The Real Housewives of New York Unauthorized Parody Musical). Regional theater: Trinity Repertory Company (Little Shop of Horrors, Ragtime, Romeo and Juliet), Gloucester Stage Company (Hamlet), OBERON (Assassins). Film/ Media: MeetCute's "Christmasuzannukkah," "Lolita Express," "Call From: Godot" (Best in Fest, Best Screenplay at Manhattan Rep's Stories Film Festival '21). Olivia holds an MFA from Brown/ Trinity Rep and a BA in English from Harvard College. www.olivia-miller.net.

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DEZ WALKER (Cyrus) is extremely excited to finally be performing on The Purple Rose stage with such a fantastic cast and production staff, and such a great piece. A born and raised Michigander, Dez has been seen on stages throughout Michigan and on television screens across the country, as well as being heard on tv and radio. Getting a fairly late start in theatre, Dez immersed himself fully in the art he had no idea he would love. Some favorite roles have been Coalhouse Walker Jr. in Ragtime. Jamie Wellerstein in The Last 5 Years, and Isa in Kill Move Paradise. When Dez isn't performing, he enjoys food... like REALLY enjoys it. One of his favorite hobbies is creating food videos @Dining with Dez. Thank you to the cast, crew, and playwright for an amazing opportunity. Cheers!



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PLAYWRIGHT



QUINN D. ELI (*Playwright*) grew up in the Bronx, NY. His short plays have appeared in *Best American Ten-Minute Plays* and been produced throughout the country. Longer works can be found on NPX, including *Hot Black/Asian Action*, a satire about sexual and racial stereotypes, and *Play On*, a futuristic comedy about race and Al. He is a cofounder of Jouska PlayWorks, a Philadelphia-based initiative for playwrights of the African Diaspora. A proud member of the Black Theatre Network, and a two-time recipient of Fellowships in Literature from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Eli heads the Theatre program at the Community College of Philadelphia.

DIRECTORS



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 gorgeous work as much as she did! Rhiannon has worked as a Director, Choreographer and Assistant Director since 2010 and has helped stage over fifteen professional productions. PRTC directing credits include, A Stone Carver (Wilde Award winner for Best Play), Vino Veritas (revival 2017), and PICKLEBALL by Jeff Daniels. 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 24 professional productions. Some personal favorites include: Consider The Oyster, Best of Friends, Some Couples May..., and FLINT. She was last seen in Diva Royale. A huge thanks to Quinn, Jeff, Katie, 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.



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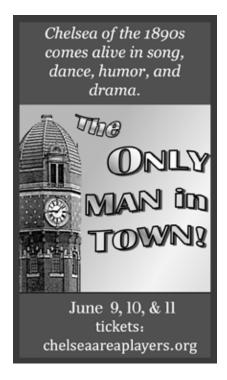
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K. EDMONDS (Assistant Director) You may have seen her, here, onstage in Jeff Daniel's Roadsigns (2019) and Willow Run (2018), but this is the first show where she is on the production team at The Purple Rose. This multifaceted performer/director has many credits to her name. Recently, she directed Nollywood Dreams at Openbook Theatre, Lion King Jr. at the Detroit Waldorf School, and will direct with Obsidian Theatre Festival Detroit in June of this year. K is also one of the instructors in rotation at the Detroit Repertory Theatre's Actor's Workshop, in addition to being the Literary and Fine Arts Manager for the Detroit City Lions, a non-profit dedicated to uplifting the youth of Metro Detroit. K is an accomplished musician, writer, and award-winning director (Boxfest Detroit, 2011), an alum of The Second City Detroit, and holds a BFA in Digital Media Production from the International Academy of Design and Technology. K is thankful of the support from her mother, inspired by her daughter Kemistry, and in awe of the host of talented performers she has been blessed to work with throughout her career.

ALEXIS BLACK (Intimacy Director) is a fight, movement and intimacy director, performer and theatre educator, and is thrilled to work with The Purple Rose. She is a certified intimacy director and instructor with Intimacy Directors and Coordinators and an Assistant Professor of Movement at Michigan State University. As a fight or intimacy director she has worked Off-Broadway, regionally and internationally (Europe and Asia) and on Broadway (most recently with 2022's Macbeth, starring Daniel Craig). As a professional actor and member of AEA, she has worked with regional theaters, on international tours and Off-Broadway. She leads staged intimacy and staged violence workshops at universities across the U.S., and is the co-author of "Supporting Staged Intimacy: A Practical Guide for Theatre Creatives. Managers and Crew" for Routledge Publications (2022).







DESIGNERS

SHELBY NEWPORT (Costume Designer) is professor of theatre at the University of Michigan-Flint. She received her MFA 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 Purple Rose Theatre Company. Her designs have been seen internationally in London and Margate, England. Shelby is thrilled to be designing costumes for In Common. It is her eleventh production at PRTC, previously she designed costumes for Pickleball, Roadsigns, 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 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 *Pickleball*, *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!

STEPHEN SAKOWSKI (*Lighting Designer*) is an award winning freelance lighting designer for stage, film and television. His work is regularly seen on TV, where he has served as a lighting director for the NBA's special events and entertainment, "Global Citizens Live", and the "NCAA Final Four Concert". Theatrically, he has been recognized three times with Kennedy Center Certificates of Merit for his lighting designs and in 2020 received the Joseph Jefferson Award for Best Lighting Design for the world premiere of *All Quiet on the Western Front* in Chicago. Stephen is an Associate Professor of Theatre & Film at the University of Toledo and a member of United Scenic Artists 829.

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DANNA SEGREST (*Properties Designer*) is excited to design the props for this World Premiere of *In Common* by Quinn D. Eli. Danna has enjoyed being part of The Purple Rose Theatre Company since volunteering on the very first production and then as Equity Stage Manager for *Shoe Man* by Jeff Daniels. Both back in 1991. Danna has designed properties for almost all of the Purple Rose productions. She is so honored to collaborate once again with Sarah Pearline to bring these rooms to life for you. Danna is so happy to wear many hats at The Purple Rose Theatre Company including: Resident Properties Designer, Resident Artist, Archival Photographer, and Box Office Assistant. Much love to Wade and Reeve for having so much "In Common" with her!

MATTHEW TIBBS (Sound Designer) is a sound designer and current chair of Theatre Design and Production at University of Cincinnati CCM. Previous work includes sound designs of No. 6 and The Cay at Indiana Repertory Theatre, Shakespeare in Love, As You Like It, and Romeo and Juliet at Utah Shakespeare Festival. Three Sisters, Violet, and Of Mice and Men at the Clarence Brown Theatre, as well as six summers and 15 productions with Great River Shakespeare Festival. In Michigan, Matthew has designed Tommy, The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds. and The Glass Menagerie at Flint Repertory Theatre. Crv It Out at Detroit Public Theatre, and Peter and the Starcatcher and My Children! My Africa! at University of Michigan-Flint. Matthew is interested in all manner of theatrical formats, types of storytelling, and theatrical challenges. He is a member of United Scenic Artists Local 829 and the Theatrical Sound Designers and Composers Association (TSDCA). Work can be seen at www.matthewtibbs.com. MFA: University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, 2007. BA: George Fox University, 2004.

DANA L. WHITE (Lighting Designer) Mr. White has designed the lighting for several World Premiere productions including Raindance and Book of Days (Winner; Best New Play 1998, American Theatre Critics), both by Lanford Wilson; Gravity (Pulitzer Nomination) by David MacGregor, and Guest Artist (1st Runner-up Best New Play 2006) by Jeff Daniels. He lit Escanaba in da Moonlight; Norma and Wanda and All Night Strut! at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, Ml. Mr. White is the recipient of several awards including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Theatre Roundtable. He is a Resident Artist at The Purple Rose Theatre, a member of United Scenic Artists Local 829, and a Professor Emeritus at Otterbein University. Mr. White is a proud father, grandfather, and lucky husband.

STAGE MANAGEMENT

KAREN ANNE GEORGE (Production Stage Manager) Originally from Royal Oak, MI, 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. Karen joined the Purple Rose family in October 2021 as a House Manager. She made her professional stage management debut as Assistant Stage Manager for Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine and returned to the stage management team for *Pickleball* and *Human Error*. This will be Karen's first production as Stage Manager, and she is endlessly grateful to all of her family and friends- to her parents, who taught her everything she knows, to Zach Fischer and Joel Klain, without whom she would never have made it this far, to Hannah McDermott and Madelyn Polich, without whom she would not be sane, and to Sam, for more than can be put into words.

STEFANIE DIN (Production Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be back at the Purple Rose! Since beginning her Equity career with the Rose, Stefanie has become a resident Stage Manager at the Williamston Theatre, an Artistic Associate with, and the Production Stage Manager for The Michigan Shakespeare Festival, and the Tech Director/Tour Coordinator for their high school tours of Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth. She was also part of Central Michigan University's Theatre Department, and The Purple Rose Theatre's Apprentice Program. Stefanie is very happy to be working alongside one of her best friends, again, and would like to thank Katie and Jeff for bringing her back, and Rhiannon for her trust and amazing direction. Special thanks to Tony for continuing to be an outstanding friend and mentor, and to her extraordinary family and friends for their constant love and support, especially her parents, and to Brian and Keeley, for being her inspiration every day. Love hard. Be kind. Always.

HOPE SHANGLE (Rehearsal Assistant Stage Manager) is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to the Purple Rose Theatre Company after formally having been an apprentice! She received her BFA in Acting from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. Post-graduation, Hope was lucky enough to work with The Know Theatre in Cincinnati on Afghan Women's Writing Project, The Circle Theatre on Wait Until Dark, and was last seen at Tipping Point Theatre in Every Christmas Story Ever Told and A Comedy of Tenors. The most massive "thank you" possible to Rhiannon, Lucas, and the rest of PRTC for trusting me with this opportunity. To the best Mom and Dad in the world, thank you for your unwavering support. Brad, here's to 40 million.

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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. This 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.

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LUCAS DANIELS is coming up on two years this September as an Artistic Associate here at The Purple Rose Theatre Company! Lucas is very excited for this season! This season is the first full season with the new Artistic Directing Team that also includes Jeff and Rhi, that consists of three World Premieres and a Michigan Premiere. Lucas is a graduate of Michigan State University, 2011 (Go Green!). He's a graduate of the Purple Rose Apprenticeship Program, 2011-12. Lucas is a part of Actors' 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.

RHIANNON RAGLAND has worn many hats at The Purple Rose over the years and is honored to return in this new capacity as Artistic Associate on another World Premiere. A Flint, MI, native and proud member of Actors' Equity Association, she made her professional acting debut at 8 years old at the New Vic Dinner Theatre and then revived it as an adult right here at the PRTC in 2007. She then continued her artistic education with roles in more than 24 productions. As a Resident Artist, Rhiannon has worked as an actor, a choreographer, and a director since 2010, helping stage more than 15 productions and winning a Wilde Award for her direction of A Stone Carver (Best Play). Special thanks to our Board, Jeff, Katie, Lucas, Amy, Rob and Brian for your tireless motivation, creativity and leadership. And to her family, WokeD, Punk, ODawg and Nugget; I'm always inspired by you, thank you for continually building a life full of creativity and love.

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The PRTC envisions an even brighter future with increased national visibility and enriched economic and artistic health. Well-established and critically acclaimed, The Purple Rose Theatre Company will continue to be the home of world-class, original American theatre.

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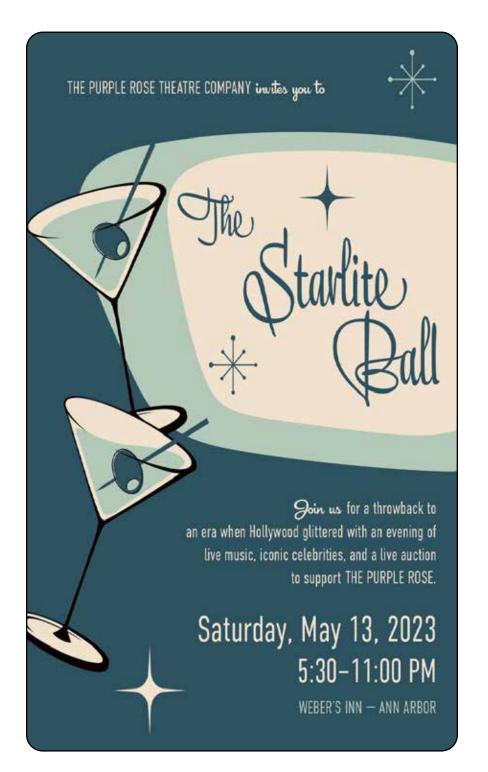
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Calch Wimbrow

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Cyrus
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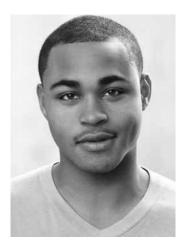
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At this performance, the role of *Cyrus* will be played by Justin Montgomery.



JUSTIN MONTGOMERY (Cyrus Understudy) was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He earned his BFA from Western Michigan University with a focus in Theatre Performance. In Detroit, he has worked with several organizations teaching acting and improv. Justin is a proud teacher, director, and actor. Recent Theatre Work: Theatre NOVA's The Lifespan of a Fact and Pass Over; Royal Oak Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Open Book Theatre's Too Heavy For Your Pocket. Justin is an alumnus of the Detroit Public Schools Community District where he teaches drama at the Duke Ellington Conservatory of Music and Art at Beckham Academy. This is Justin's first time working with PRTC and he is honored to be a part of this cast. He sends love and appreciation to all those who continue to support him on and off stage.

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by Quinn D. Eli

At this performance, the role of *Blair / Melanie* will be played by Hope Shangle*.



HOPE SHANGLE (Blair/Melanie Understudy) is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to The Purple Rose Theatre Company after formally having been an apprentice! She received her BFA in Acting from the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. Post-graduation, Hope was lucky enough to work with The Know Theatre in Cincinnati on Afghan Women's Writing Project, The Circle Theatre on Wait Until Dark, and was last seen at Tipping Point Theatre in Every Christmas Story Ever Told and A Comedy of Tenors. The most massive "thank you" possible to Rhiannon, Lucas, and the rest of PRTC for trusting me with this opportunity. To the best Mom and Dad in the world, thank you for your unwavering support. Brad, here's to 40 million.

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by Quinn D. Eli

At this performance, the role of *Hal* will be played by Ethan May.



ETHAN MAY (Hal Understudy) is honored to be making his professional debut here at The Purple Rose, and is humbled to be surrounded by such a talented and gracious cast and creative team. He is currently based in New York and graduated with a BFA in acting from Wayne State University in 2022. He played Melchior Gabor in WSU's production of Spring Awakening, a swing in their production of Head Over Heels, and was the assistant music director and pit drummer for their production of Rent. Ethan is eternally grateful to his family and friends for all of their support.

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At this performance, the role of *Vivian* will be played by Laura Nguyen.



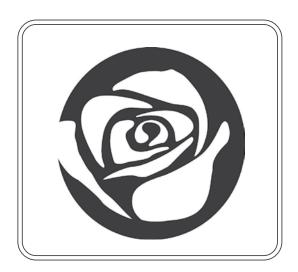
LAURA NGUYEN (Vivian Understudy) is so excited to be a part of this wonderful production for her first show at The Purple Rose Theatre Company! She will be receiving her Associates Degree in Applied Arts in Theatre from Lansing Community College in May and will attend Western Michigan University for her BFA in Acting in the fall. Recent credits include: Begets: Fall of a High School Ronin (Ixion Ensemble), Death of a Salesman (Flint Repertory Theatre), Everybody, Women Playing Hamlet, and Romeo and Juliet (LCC). She has also appeared in a commercial for NCG Cinemas. In her free time, Laura loves to play laser tag and go paddleboarding. She would like to thank her family, friends, and the cast and crew for all of their love and support. Enjoy the show!

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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

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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

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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

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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

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

*World Premiere *World Premiere

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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

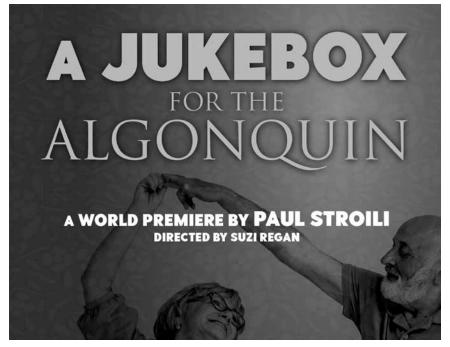
Pickleball* by Jeff Daniels September 30 - December 17, 2022

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...



A JUKEBOX FOR THE ALGONQUIN

a World Premiere by Paul Stroili directed by Suzi Regan

July 7 - September 2, 2023

At a senior living community in the Adirondacks, a small group of residents decide they're not quite ready to "go gentle into that good night." This band of displaced former city dwellers from Brooklyn and The Bronx hatch a plot to prove that aging is not a New York state of mind. A Jukebox for the Algonquin is a tale about those who will not be forgotten – a serious comedy about sex, drugs, and rocking chairs.

*Contains adult language & content

Groups Sales of 12+ begin July 1, 2022 Donor Sales begin May 9, 2023 General Sales begin May 23, 2023

PATRON INFORMATION

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Box Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Performance Schedule:

Monday CLOSED

Tues & Wed
Thurs & Fri
Saturday
Sunday

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
1:00 PM - 9:30 PM
1:00 PM - 9:30 PM
1:00 PM - 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.

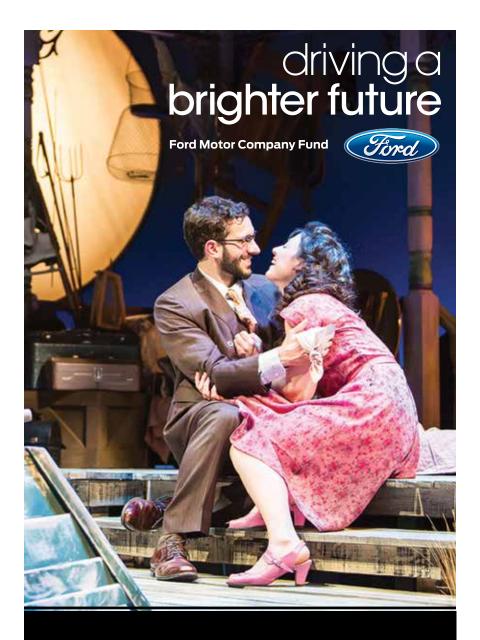
Please Remain Seated

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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