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DIRECTED BY SUZI REGAN





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DO FISH KNOW THEY'RE IN A FISH TANK?

Most of us are familiar with the social comparison of life to a fish bowl. Of course, it's an impossible question scientifically, at least until Bill Nye tells us otherwise, because none of us can really say if the fish has consciousness of their environment.

In our play today, our 'fishbowl' is a group of retirement home rebels! Each from various backgrounds and circumstances but they have created, for themselves, a club within. The Round Table is not a literal glass sphere that they are trapped in, but rather a metaphor for the life they live. And what is life without a little sex, drugs and rock and roll, even if it is from a rocking chair!

Every person in the world has their own story with characteristics that automatically put them in their own metaphorical bowl. Things in your bowl could include your social and economic status, gender, sexuality, race, political beliefs, family structure, and the list goes on. All of these things subconsciously contribute to your clouded and incomplete view of the world, whether you are aware of it or not.

So when we have the whole world to explore and have the ability to come across every person, place or thing, why do we stay in our bowl?

In A Jukebox for The Algonquin, the group creates a scheme, hoping to expand their tank, if not create a whole new one for themselves. But when they get caught, there will be a lot of questions. Will they end up with a floater? Can they raise their consciousness? And how do you miss something, you never had?

We hope this world premiere makes you laugh and inspires you to step out of your comfort zone. Jump on in the water is fine!

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Johnny	Wallace Bridges*
Dennis	John Seibert*
Chuck	Mark Colson*
Josefina	.MaryJo Cuppone*
Tyler	Ethan May

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TIME

The summer of 2003.

PLACE

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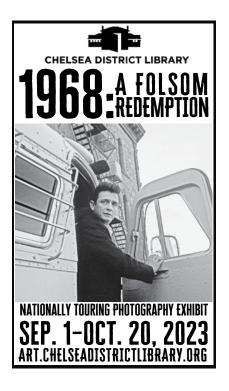
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SUSAN ANGELO (Peg/Mrs. McDarren) is honored to be performing at The Purple Rose. Based in Los Angeles, she is a resident artist at A Noise Within and Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum. Favorite roles include Hannah Jarvis. Arcadia: Alice. Dance of Death: Cleopatra, Antony & Cleopatra; Elizabeth, Richard III; Countess, The Rehearsal; Barbara, August: Osage County: Ariadne. Heartbreak House: Beatrice. Much Ado About Nothing; and Madelyn, Women of Lockerbee. Regional credits include La Jolla Playhouse; Pittsburgh Public; Syracuse Stage; American Players Theatre: Indiana Repertory: William Inge Theatre; NYC's Workshop Theatre; Signature Theatre; and The Shakespeare Theatre in DC. She has extensive television, film, voice-over and commercial credits including "Bosch"; "How to Get Away with Murder"; "Criminal Minds"; and "Jack Reacher". (Fun fact: Susan was Mrs. Sanders to both Jim Gaffigan and the late Norm MacDonald's Colonial Sanders). Susan has directed large cast classical plays and intimate one-person shows; has taught at many universities, including NYU, USC and CalLutheran; and currently teaches Shakespeare in her private studio. www.SusanAngeloStudio.com Education: BFA (CalArts); MFA (George Washington University)



WALLACE BRIDGES (Johnny) is excited to return to the thrust stage of the Purple Rose Theatre after originating the role of Lenny in Mitch Albom's Duck Hunter Shoots Angel. He holds memberships with the Actors' Equity Association and the Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. Bridges last appeared in a feature film as Rudy in "No Sudden Move" which stars Don Cheadle. Professor Bridges has been teaching theatre arts and directing plays at Eastern Michigan University for more than three decades. He is the recipient of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award which allowed him to teach theatre courses and direct Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun at the University of Ghana in Accra. Bridges recently wrote and performed "A Salute to Fatherhood" for the Big Hearted Stories: On Purpose storytelling event at the Mendelssohn Theatre on the University of Michigan campus.

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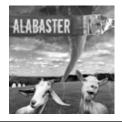
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MARK COLSON (Chuck) is happy to be back at The Purple Rose Theatre Company. He is a PRTC Resident Artist and was last seen plaving Sherlock in all three Sherlock Holmes world premieres. Mark also played Richard in the world premiere of The Gaps in the Fossil Record, at The Rose. Other credits include Williamston Theatre, where he has performed in the world premieres of Pulp (Wilde Award nomination, Best Supporting Actor), and The Gravedigger -A Frankenstein Story, along with playing Jacob, in Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, and most recently, These Mortal Hosts, (where he received a Wilde Award and Pulsar Award for Best Actor). Recent TV roles include the Netflix series, "I Am Not Okay With This", "Outsiders", "Banshee", and "Low Winter Sun" (see IMDB for complete list). Mark would like to thank the entire Purple Rose production team and supportive Jukebox cast for creating this incredible and necessary theatrical home. Mark is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - Go Blue! As always, a shout-out to Team Colson.



RUTH CRAWFORD (Annie) has previously appeared at The Purple Rose in Roadsigns. Welcome to Paradise, Harvey, Morning's at Seven, and Poetry of Pizza. She's also worked extensively at several Detroit area Equity theatres. Other credits include The Gin Game at Williamston Theatre; Ripcord at the Tipping Point; Rites of Passage at the JET; Good People at the Performance Network; 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: "American Rust", "The Detroiters", "Low Winter Sun", "Flipped", "Trust", and "Guest Artist" with some guy named Jeff Daniels.





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MARYJO CUPPONE (Josefina) is delighted to return to The Purple Rose and share the stage with this extremely talented ensemble. She is a proud member of Actors' Equity and SAG-AFTRA. Some of her favorite roles include Celia in Calendar Girls. Jean in Good People, Terry in Sideman, Lola in Damn Yankees, and Tina in Tonv and Tina's Wedding. She is a founding member of Tipping Point Theatre and currently serves as Vice President of the board. Many thanks to Suzi, Paul, Rhiannon, Lucas, the exceptional stage management team and crew for their unwavering support. Much love always to my mom, Billy, and my little men - Shane and Tyler.



ETHAN MAY (Tyler) is thrilled to be making his professional debut here at The Purple Rose. He was an understudy in the PRTC production of *In Common*, but was (thankfully!) never needed; so this will be his first time on stage since graduating from Wayne State University in 2022. While in school, he played Melchior Gabor in Spring Awakening, Bernard in Boeing Boeing, and Torbjorn Bjornsen in Trivoya Gold! A lifelong musician, he is also a professional drummer who has worked on three studio albums, including Detroit-based band RevulsA's sophomore effort, "Creep". Ethan is eternally grateful to the cast and the creative team for their wisdom and support in this process. You can find him on Instagram, Tiktok, and Twitter @ethanmayact



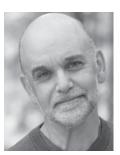
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JOHN SEIBERT (Dennis) John's first appearances with The Purple Rose date back to the theatre's beginnings and he is more than excited to be back on this stage and to be working with this exceptional group of artists and friends. John originated roles in a number of premieres here including Shoe Man, The Vast Difference, Escanaba in da Moonlight, and Panhandle Slim & The Oklahoma Kid. Other Michigan and regional credits include Tipping Point Theatre (Torvald: A Doll's House 2, Vanya: Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike) and featured roles with Williamston Theatre, Performance Network, Jewish Ensemble and Meadow Brook Theatre; North Coast Rep (San Diego), Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and five seasons with Actors Theatre of St. Paul. Feature films include "Batman vs. Superman", "Kill The Irishman", and "Supersucker" with Jeff Daniels. John also serves as a full-time lecturer in theatre at Eastern Michigan University where he is proud to teach and direct alongside his colleague and scene partner, Wallace Bridges. For Uncle John Fly.

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PLAYWRIGHT



PAUL STROILI (Playwright) is a resident artist at the Purple Rose where his acting credits include God of Carnage, Welcome to Paradise and the role of Dr. Watson in the trilogy of Holmes-Adler Mysteries. In addition to A Jukebox for The Algonquin his other plays include Cheese Louise (with Maureen Morley), Plane Crazy (with Cissy Conner) and Last Call at The Aardvark which was recently published by Next Stage Press.

Stroili's autobiographical solo show *Straight Up with a Twist* toured the U.S. for nearly ten years, culminating in an LA Ovation nomination, an LA Weekly Award and a twice-extended Off-Broadway run. His screenplay for the short film "The Beating" was utilized by Columbia College for their curriculum in filmmaking. His writing has also appeared in Los Angeles Magazine and The Chicago Tribune.

He is extremely grateful to Rhi, Lucas, Katie, Amy, director Suzi Regan and the entire Purple family. A special heartfelt thanks to friends and fellow playwrights Carey Crim, Jeff Daniels and David MacGregor for their example, their counsel and for where they've set the bar. And finally, to Monica who makes all good things happen. www.paulstroili.com

DIRECTOR



SUZI REGAN (Director) has worked as an actor, director, arts administrator, writer, teacher, arts advocate, or sound designer in the Metro Detroit area for 35 years. Upon graduation from Michigan State University with a BS in Telecommunications, she immediately jumped in a red Dodge van donning cowboy boots and hat, to sing and dance at truck stops across the US for National Truck Driver's Appreciation Month. Since then, Suzi has been making and sharing stories and is often recognized for her work in professional theaters across Michigan: The Purple Rose Theatre Company. The Williamston Theatre, The Tipping Point Theatre. Meadow Brook Theatre, and the now shuttered Performance Network and Jewish Ensemble Theatre to name a few.

Some of her credits outside Michigan include work at theaters such as The Signature Theatre (NYC), Repertory Theatre of St Louis and Hartford Stage (CT). Recently, Suzi found herself on the other side of the table for a handful of years as a Talent Agent at Productions Plus - The Talent Shop where she gained perspective and respect for the process of casting for film, commercial, print and voiceover. Suzi is beyond delighted to be a part of A Jukebox for The Algonquin here at the Purple Rose where she was a proud company member a couple decades ago. She fell in love with making and sharing stories with you then and is thankful to be back in the Garage Theatre making and sharing stories with you now.



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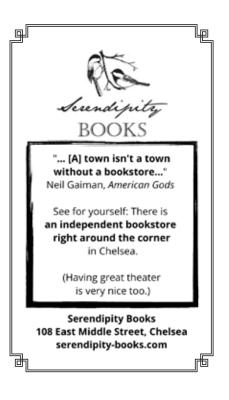
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DESIGNERS

BARTLEY H. BAUER (*Scenic Designer*) was given the great honor 32 years ago of working with Jeff Daniels to create a new theatre venue for Michigan playwrights and actors. This is his 38th scenic design for The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Design awards include *Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Elusive Ear, Annapurna, Thy Kingdom's Coming, Stanton's Garage, Blithe Spirit,* and *Guest Artist*. He also spent the last thirty-plus years working as a designer for many different theatre groups, most notably Williamston Theatre, Tipping Point Theatre, Michigan State University Wharton Center, Lansing Community College, Civic Theatres, community organizations, area high schools and as a faculty member of Interlochen National Music Camp. He is a Chelsea native and lives here with his family and works at Chelsea Lumber Company.

BRAD PHILLIPS (Sound Designer) is a professional musician by trade, most known on The Purple Rose stage from his many appearances with Jeff Daniels' Onstage & Unplugged. A violinist, fiddler, mandolinist, guitarist, and vocalist, Brad serves as a Resident Artist at PRTC and has provided musical elements for All My Sons, The Last Romance, Annapurna, 2AZ, Steel Magnolias, Talley's Folly, Gaps in the Fossil Record, FLINT, and was the sound designer for Morning's At Seven, Harvey and all three installments of the Sherlock Holmes plays by David MacGregor. Brad also served as co-musical director, co-composer and played The Pilot in the PRTC production of Willow Run. As a performing musician, Brad has appeared with Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Iggy Pop, Pat Metheny, The Verve Pipe, Joshua Davis from NBC's "The Voice", May Erlewine, and many others. In 2014, he served as producer for Jeff Daniels' studio recording "Days Like These" and the 2016 collaboration with Brian Vander Ark called "Simple Truths". Brad holds a bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies, as well as a master's in Improvisation, both from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance where he is now on faculty, teaching music theory and Roots Music & Improvisation for string players in the jazz department. Brad is enthusiastically proud to call The Purple Rose his creative home. He would like to thank his parents, his children, and his fiancée Hope for the endless support and joy that they bring to his world. Hope, here's to 40 million!





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DANNA SEGREST (*Properties Designer*) is absolutely thrilled to be working on this world premiere play by Paul Stroili! Danna has enjoyed being part of The Purple Rose Theatre Company since volunteering at our first auditions in 1990. She became an Equity Stage Manager for *Shoe Man* (Jeff Daniels' first play that the PRTC produced in 1991). She has stage managed many Purple Rose shows including the rehearsals of *Under Ceege* by Jeffry Chastang, that opened in January 2022, our "back to live theatre" season. Danna became the Resource Manager in 1994 and Resident Properties Designer after the 2000 renovations of the building and continues to wear many hats: PRTC Resident Artist, Archival Photographer, and Box Office Assistant. Danna is so happy to continue serving her theatre home. Thanks to Wade and Reeve for keeping those discs spinning in our Jukebox!

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 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.

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SUZANNE YOUNG (Costume Designer) is proud to be a resident artist at The Purple Rose and designed her first show for the theatre, Escanaba in da Moonlight, in 2011. She is delighted to return for A Jukebox for The Algonquin. She also designed *Human Error*, the three *Sherlock Holmes* plays, Under Ceege, All My Sons, Willow Run, 33 Variations, The Spring Comedy Festival, Annapurna, Morning's at Seven, Welcome to Paradise, and Harvey. Other credits include Michigan Shakespeare Festival, The University of Michigan, University Musical Society with Some Old Black Man. Wild Swan Theater, Performance Network, and The Tipping Point Theatre. Her work has been seen nationally and internationally. She has been a multiple Wilde Award nominee and winner of Best Costume Design for MSF's The Importance of Being Ernest in 2014, Purple Rose's Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Fallen Soufflé in 2020, and for Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine, in 2022. She has also been nominated for best costumes by Broadway World for the Sherlock Holmes plays and Under Ceege. Suzanne trained in London, England and has enjoyed a long career in costumes and costume design. She would like to thank the wonderful people at The Purple Rose for all their support and hard work and, of course, her husband and family.



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STAGE MANAGEMENT

KAREN ANNE GEORGE (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 moved over to the Stage Management team as an Assistant Stage Manager for Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine, Pickleball, and Human Error, and made her debut as Production Stage Manager for In Common. She is endlessly grateful to the wonderful crew and 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.

JULIANA BERRY (Assistant Stage Manager) graduated from Albion College in 2020 with a BA in Theatre and History. Her career at The Purple Rose Theatre Company began last summer as a Production Associate Swing for Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine. Juliana continued on this season as the Covid Safety Officer for Pickleball, as a House Manager for Human Error and In Common, and now as the Assistant Stage Manager for Jukebox. She is very grateful to be a part of The Purple Rose and this fantastic production. She has learned so much from Suzi, Paul, Karen, and this incredibly talented cast and crew. "Thank you to my wonderful parents, Dan, Jill, and Lisa, for always loving and supporting me. To Sean, thank you for being my home."

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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 The Hot L Baltimore (1997) and two of his own plays, Boom Town (1998) and coming this Fall, the return of Diva Royale. 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 Tonys and won the coveted Best Actor Over Fifty Award from the AARP. This Fall, 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 in Season 2 of "American Rust" on Amazon FreeVee. "Alive & Well Enough", his one man podcast featuring stories from his career, debuts in September on Audible Originals.

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 coming up on two years this September as an Artistic Associate here at The Purple Rose Theatre Company. This is the first full season, with the new Artistic Directing Team Jeff and Rhi, that consists of three World Premieres and a Michigan Premiere. Please enjoy this exciting summer production to close our 2022/2023 season, a World Premiere play by Paul Stroili, *A Jukebox for The Algonquin*. Lucas is a graduate of Michigan State University, 2011 (Go Green!) and a graduate of The Purple Rose Apprentice Program, 2011/2012. He is a member 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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At this performance, the roles of Peg/Mrs. McDarren & Josefina will be played by Maria Ru-djen*.



MARIA RU-DJEN (Peg/Mrs. McDarren & Josefina Understudy) is delighted to be working with The Purple Rose again. Previously at the Rose, she was an understudy for All My Sons, Morning's at Seven, and Vino Veritas. Last season she understudied for Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine, and went on for both Irene Adler and Marie Chartier. Maria has been a proud participant in BoxFest Detroit, and has done several staged readings with The Purple Rose, Michigan Playwrights' Festival, Neighborhood Theatre Group, and the Ann Arbor Pub Reading Series. She was in the inaugural production at The Lakeside Theatre in Toledo, Ohio, and will appear in their next production this coming fall. She is incredibly grateful to be a part of the Purple Rose family and thanks PJ for the love and support.

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At this performance, the role of *Annie* will be played by Suzi Regan*.



SUZI REGAN (Annie Understudy) has worked as an actor, director, arts administrator, writer, teacher, arts advocate, and sound designer in the Metro Detroit area for over 35 years. You may have seen her on stage in Wild Horses last February or last summer in The Hat Box at The Williamston Theatre. Pre and during the pandemic, Suzi found herself at Productions Plus The Talent Shop where she worked as a Talent Agent. In Michigan, Suzi has worked at The Purple Rose Theatre, The Williamston Theatre, The Tipping Point Theatre, Meadow Brook Theatre, The Gem Theatre and the now shuttered stages at Performance Network and The Jewish Ensemble Theatre. Some of her credits outside Michigan include The Signature Theatre (NYC), Repertory Theatre of St Louis, and Hartford Stage (CT).

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At this performance, the role of *Johnny* will be played by Lynch R. Travis*.



LYNCH R. TRAVIS (Johnny Understudy) has received theater honors from the Ann Arbor News, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Oakland Press, EncoreMichigan, Lansing City Pulse and the Detroit Theatre Examiner, and Subscriber Awards at Performance Network and Detroit Repertory Theatre. Lynch is a Resident Artist at The Purple Rose Theatre, and is the PRTC Chief Diversity Enrichment Officer. Previous Purple Rose appearances include Orphan Train, Stand, Duck Hunter Shoots Angel, Escanaba, Superior Donuts, Morning After Grace, Flint, and Pickleball. He also directed *Under Ceege* and *Human Error* for the Rose. Lynch serves as Workshop Director for the Detroit Repertory Theater, is a member of the University of Michigan CRLT Applied Theatre Company, and was the Supervising Director for the 2023 Obsidian Theatre Festival which was held in downtown Detroit this past June. He has taught Acting and Theater for Ann Arbor Public Schools, Michigan Actors Studio, Mosaic Youth of Detroit, Shakespeare in Detroit, the Vista Maria Residential Program for Girls, and has lectured at Wayne State University and Oakland University. This one is for Bruce and Barbara!

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At this performance, the role of *Dennis/Chuck* will be played by Ryan Carlson*.



RYAN CARLSON (Dennis/Chuck Understudy) is a Resident Artist with The Purple Rose Theatre Company and is grateful to be returning to his home stage. He was last seen as the lovable Larry in the hit show Pickleball. Ryan has been working here since 1997, so you may also remember him from such shows as Superior Donuts, The 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, The Gem, City 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, Ryan 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. Find out where and when Ryan's next show will be by following him on the socials. www.thervancarlson.com

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At this performance, the role of *Tyler* will be played by Tyler Black.



TYLER BLACK (*Tyler Understudy*) is very excited and honored to be a part of his first professional theater production. He graduated this spring from Wayne State University with a BFA degree in Acting and is so thrilled to have been able to continue learning here at The Purple Rose Theatre Company this summer. The majority of his theater credits come from Wayne State's Theater Department, with the highlights being *Revolt. She Said. Revolt Again.* by Alice Birch, which won 15 National Awards at the KCACTF Festival, and *This Is Our Youth*, which he directed. He wants to thank everyone who worked on this production for teaching him so much without even trying to. He also would like to thank his family and friends for always supporting him and all of his artistic endeavors. He hopes you enjoy this wonderful show!

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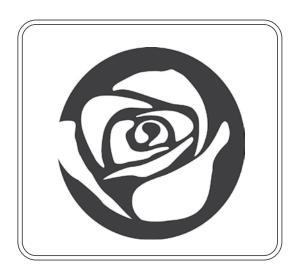
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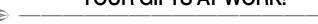
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To reserve program ad space in our 2023-2024 season playbills, please email Lexi Teuscher at lexi@purplerosetheatre.org.

Program ad deadline for our next production, Diva Royale by Jeff Daniels, is August 31, 2023.

Ad Size	3 Show Rate	2 Show Rate	1 Show Rate		
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	(\$1600 per ad)				
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LIBRARY READINGS



The Purple Rose has a long standing partnership with The Chelsea District Library. Together we share live play readings by established and rising playwrights, to promote and develop new work for our stage and theatre communities as far as our Zoom webinar can reach. Our play readings have connected us with people all across the country, from Chicago and New York, to Los Angeles and the US Virgin Islands. During our September 10, 2022 play reading, we had international attendance from west Africa, more specfically, Nigeria. Virtual attendees are able to view a live play reading and offer feedback in a group chat with the cast, director and playwright.

Play readings are free to all and take place on Saturday mornings at 10:30am, EST. To join us, visit PurpleRoseTheatre.org or ChelseaDistrictLibrary.org for more information and to register.

Upcoming Play Reading Via Zoom:

Saturday, July 22 at 10:30am "What Springs Forth" by Carey Crim

The Purple Rose Theatre Company Productions

1991

Blush at Nothina* 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 Ieff 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 Ieff 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 Kinadom's Comina* by Ieff 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 Ieff 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 Ieff Daniels September 26-December 21, 1996

Labor Dav* 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

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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 Ieff 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

Guvs 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

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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

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

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

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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

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

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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,
2022Human 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

2023 / 2024

*Diva Royale*by Jeff Daniels
October 6 - December 23, 2023

The Antichrist Cometh* by David MacGregor March 22 - May 25, 2024

What Springs Forth* by Carey Crim June 21 - August 31, 2024

Up Next... 2023/2024 SEASON



DIVA ROYALE

a comedy written and directed by Jeff Daniels October 6 - December 23, 2023

Jeff Daniels' *Diva Royale* is coming back! First staged at The Purple Rose in 2018, this evening of side-splitting hilarity follows three midwestern stay-at-home moms whose love for Celine Dion makes them plan a last minute trip to New York City. With the return of the entire original cast, this crowd pleasing comedy is guaranteed to make you laugh 'til you cry.

*Contains adult language and subject matter.

Groups Sales of 12+ begin July 18, 2023 Donor Sales begin August 8, 2023 General Sales begin August 22, 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 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.

Gift Cards

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

Accessibility

The PRTC complies with all current ADA Standards. Assisted listening devices and large print programs are available upon request at our Box Office for all performances.

Hearing Loop Technology-Switch Hearing Aid to T-Coil

Activate the telecoil (t-coil) in your hearing device to hear sound with less background noise -- directly into your device. If you do not have a t-coil enabled device, request a headset and receiver at our Box Office.

Refreshments

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

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.

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.

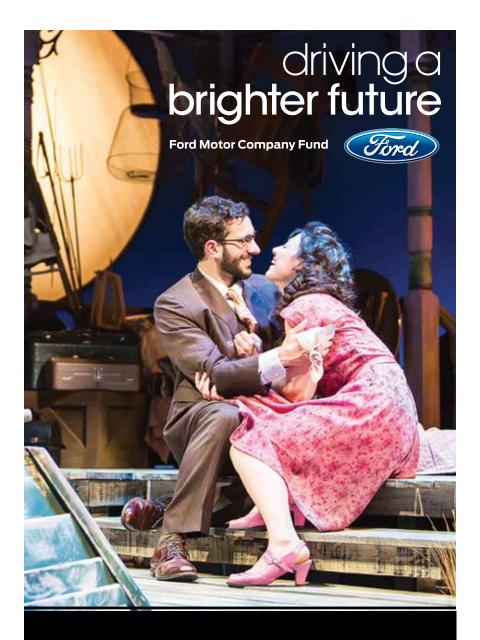
Please Remain Seated

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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