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**Burbage Theatre Co concludes their 12th Season with  
Stephen Adly Guirgis's *THE MOTHERF\*\*KER WITH THE HAT***

**PAWTUCKET, RI May 2, 2024 —**

After their innovative and acclaimed RI premiere production of Jen Silverman's *Collective Rage: A Play In 5 Betties*, **Burbage Theatre Co concludes their 12th Season with Stephen Adly Guirgis's *The Motherf\*\*ker with the Hat*, directed by Trinity Rep company member Jackie Davis**, director of last season's *Red Velvet* by Lolita Chakrabarti.

*THE MOTHERF\*\*CKER WITH THE HAT* will be presented for 13 performances from **May 30 through June 16 at Burbage Theatre Co's Wendy Overly Studio Theatre.**

"Stephen Adly Guirgis is one of our great contemporary American playwrights – he is undoubtedly among the greatest contemporary writers of dialogue that our American theatre has to offer. We are immeasurably thrilled to bring this hilarious and complicated play *that-shall-not-be-named* to our Burbage stage. A farce of moral relativism – a romantic comedy with a baseball bat – this production is bound to make you laugh, force a gasp or two, and leave you thinking for some time to come.

"After last year's powerful and immensely successful production of Lolita Chakrabarti's *Red Velvet*, the incomparable Jackie Davis, resident actor at Trinity Repertory company, returns to direct a stunning ensemble, including Victor Machado (*Romeo & Juliet*), Catia (*Sense & Sensibility*), and Anthony Goes (*Junk*), as well as a few newcomers to our Burbage stage. The perfect play and team to cap off our 12th season."

— **Jeff Church**, *Artistic Director, Burbage Theatre Co*

**Burbage Theatre Co's production of Stephen Adly Guirgis's *The Motherf\*\*ker with the Hat* begins previews on  
May 30 and closes on June 16 after 13 performances.**

*All performances will take place at Burbage Theatre Co's Wendy Overly Studio Theatre  
59 Blackstone Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860.*

***Critics and members of the Press are Invited to join us on our  
on our Sunday Preview performance (Sunday, June 2 at 2:00pm).***

*You can reply to this email or contact Artistic Director Jeff Church at [jeff.church.jr@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.church.jr@gmail.com) for more information.*

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**THE MOTHERF\*\*CKER WITH THE HAT**

by Stephen Adly Guirgis

(May 30 - June 16)

**SYNOPSIS** – Struggles with addiction, friendship, love, and the challenges of adulthood are at the center of the story. Jackie, a petty drug dealer, is just out of prison and trying to stay clean. He's also still in love with his coke-addicted childhood sweetheart, Veronica. Ralph D. is Jackie's too-smooth, slightly slippery sponsor. He's married to the bitter and disaffected Victoria, who, by the way, has the hots for Jackie. And then there's Julio, Jackie's cousin... a stand-up, "stand by me" kind of guy.

**"Guirgis, a brilliant comedic talent...** also has an original and knowing take on class... Guirgis' characters are strivers who lack the language to 'pass' in a white-collar world; they're frustrated by limitations that they're only half aware of, and that frustration provides much of the painful hilarity in their dialogue, which piles miscommunication on top of misunderstanding."

— *New York Times*

**"It's a tight, smart and splendidly well-made, a tough-minded, unromantically romantic comedy** that keeps you laughing, then sends you home thinking."

— *Wall Street Journal*

**"Funny indeed—not to mention surprising, disturbing and poignant...dark, rich comedy...** By not putting characters or their dilemmas in neat boxes, Guirgis gives us, in HAT, a slice of hard life that's as provocative as it is absorbing."

— *USA Today*

## ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

### THE MOTHERF\*\*KER WITH THE HAT

by Stephen Adly Guirgis

directed by Jackie Davis

## ENSEMBLE

Jackie	Victor Machado
Ralph D.	Anthony Goes*
Veronica	Catia
Victoria	Marleny Luna
Cousin Julio	Arturo Puentes

## PRODUCTION CREW

Jackie Davis	Director
Sonny Wong	Stage Manager
Gia Yarn	Assistant Director
Jaimy Escobedo	Costume Design
Trevor Elliott	Set Design
Andrew Iacovelli	TD
Brittany Costello	ATD/Props

*\*Indicates a member of the Actors' Equity Association of America*

## ***The Motherf\*\*ker with the Hat* CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES**

Thursday May 30 at 7:30pm **Preview**

Friday May 31 at 7:30pm **Preview**

Saturday June 1 at 7:30pm **OPENING/Pay-What-You-Will**

Sunday June 2 at 2:00pm **PRESS**

Friday June 7 at 7:30pm

Saturday June 8 at 2pm

Saturday June 8 at 7:30pm

Sunday June 9 at 2:00pm

Thursday June 13 at 7:30pm

Friday June 14 at 7:30pm

Saturday June 15 at 2pm

Saturday June 15 at 7:30pm

Sunday June 16 at 2:00pm



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#### TICKET POLICY —

*“The best bang for your theatrical buck in the Ocean State.”* — Warwick Beacon

Preview Performances — \$15

**General Admission — \$30**

**Students — \$15**

**High School Students — Any and all rush tickets are available to High School students for FREE**

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#### COVID-19 PREVENTION POLICY —

**Burbage has implemented an *optional masking policy* for our patrons.**

While masks are no longer required, you are encouraged to mask if you like.

Burbage will continue to make masks available to our patrons.

We do ask that you remain mindful of your own health and wellness before attending the theatre.

If you begin exhibiting new symptoms of Covid-19 that cannot be explained by regular seasonal allergies, we ask that you reconsider attending the theatre.

There is nothing more important to us than your health and safety.

If you must cancel or change your reservation with us, just contact the box office and we'll be happy to exchange your tickets to another performance.