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Burbage Theatre Co kicks off their 13th Season with THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

PAWTUCKET, RI July 30, 2024 —

After their innovative, daring, and acclaimed 12th Season, **Burbage Theatre Co returns for their 13th Season with raucous** comedy *The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong*, by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields of Mischief Theatre, directed by Artistic Director Jeff Church.

THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG will be presented for 13 performances from **August 29 through September 22 at Burbage Theatre Co's Wendy Overly Studio Theatre**.

"We are thrilled to kick off Season 13 with a bang – or rather, a hilarious disaster! A return to what Burbage does best, *The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong* – with its impeccable timing and broad physical comedy – promises to have you laughing from start to finish.

This one-act version of the Broadway sensation *The Play that Goes Wrong* is the original iteration penned and presented by Mischief Theatre back in 2012 – a **tight 75-minute murder mystery** presented by the fictional "Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society" **that falls apart at every seam and that delivers nonstop, raucous comedy without overstaying its welcome**.

This production will feature an excellent ensemble of very funny people, marking the largest collection of Burbage comedians since *The School for Lies* in 2019. Our design team is equally capable and ready to create a production design that we will gleefully destroy at every performance – undoubtedly adding to the chaos and fun.

A perfect kickoff to a season subtitled "Confronting Chaos". Join us for what promises to be an evening of non-stop laughter and relentless merriment."

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

Burbage Theatre Co's production of *The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong* begins previews on August 29 and closes on September 22 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 Sunday Matinee performance (Sunday, September 1 at 2:00pm). You can reply to this email or contact boxoffice@burbagetheatre.org for more information.

If you are a member of the press and are unable to attend our Press Matinee, just let us know!

Whether you want to/have to cover the show on another evening, or if you can't cover the show but would still like to see the production – your two press tickets are still guaranteed, just let us know in an email at boxoffice@burbagetheatre.org.

THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields (August 29 - September 22)

SYNOPSIS – You all know the classic murder mystery story – there has been an untimely death at a country manor, everyone is a suspect, and an inspector is set on the case to find who the culprit is. However, when this play is performed by the accident-prone thespians of The Cornley Drama Society, everything that can go wrong...does! The actors and crew battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences! From Mischief, the creators of the Tony Award®-winning Broadway hit *The Play That Goes Wrong*, this is the original one-act play which started everything going wrong. Over the course of 75-minutes, expect a plethora of disasters from missed lines to falling props. Do you ever find out who murdered Charles Haversham? You'll have to see for yourself!

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields directed by Jeff Church

ENSEMBLE

Annie Valerie Westgate

Trevor Hector "Manny" Maldonado

Chris, as Inspector Carter
Jonathan, as Charles Haversham
Robert, as Thomas Colleymoore
Dennis, as Perkins
Max, as Cecil Haversham
Sandra, as Florence Colleymoore
Liam Roberts
Andrew Iacovelli
Jack Clarke
James Lucey
Michael Greene
Allison Crews

PRODUCTION CREW

Jeff Church Director
Hector "Manny" Maldonado Stage Manager

Noah Goldman Assistant Stage Manager

Trevor Elliott Set Design

Andrew Iacovelli TD

Brittany Costello ATD/Props
Thomas Edwards Lighting Design
Grey Rung Scenic Painter

The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Thursday August 29 at 7:30pm *Preview*Friday August 30 at 7:30pm *Preview*Saturday August 31 at 7:30pm *OPENING/Pay-What-You-Will*Sunday September 1 at 2:00pm *Press matinee*

Friday September 6 at 7:30pm Saturday September 7 at 7:30pm Sunday September 8 at 2:00pm

Friday September 13 at 7:30pm Saturday September 14 at 7:30pm Sunday September 15 at 2:00pm

Friday September 20 at 7:30pm Saturday September 21 at 7:30pm Sunday September 22 at 2pm



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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

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 for another performance.

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