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**Burbage Theatre Co continues their 11th Season with the Rhode Island premiere of
Jen Silverman's *WITCH***

PAWTUCKET, RI February 21, 2023 —

After their sold out run of Paula Vogel's *The Oldest Profession*, Burbage Theatre Co continues their 11th Season with **the Rhode Island premiere of Jen Silverman's *Witch*, directed by Burbage Theatre Co member Allison Crews** (dir. *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, *Thinner than Water*, *Desdemona*). *Witch* will be presented from March 16 through April 9 for a run of 13 performances at Burbage Theatre Co's [Wendy Overly Studio Theatre, 59 Blackstone Avenue, Pawtucket, RI](#).

*"I've been looking forward to this one. The devil is coming to Burbage. In short, **Witch has Burbage written all over it: a strong ensemble piece with humor, a touch of horror, a classical feel brought with irreverent force into the present, and ideas that leave a mark, expertly revealed.** Loosely based on the Jacobean drama *The Witch of Edmonton* this haunting and hysterical play promises to engross audiences with its nuanced and modern storytelling. Up-and-comer **Jen Silverman** (*The Moors, Still, Unpacking...*) **has unearthed a timeless story about power, identity, and the lengths to which we'll go to get what we need, as well what is revealed by our actions.** The anticipation of what comes next — looming over your head like an ominous cloud — will keep you on the edge of your seat. With the expert direction of Allison Crews, an incredible and more than perfectly cast ensemble of actors, and a dream-team design team, this Rhode Island premiere is set to be a truly unforgettable experience. **Come experience this riveting and chilling tale that will leave you haunted long after the lights go out.**"*

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

**Burbage Theatre Co's production of Jen Silverman's *Witch* begins previews on
March 16 and closes on April 9 after 13 performances.**

Critics and members of the Press are Invited to join us on our

Pay-What-You-Will Performance (Saturday, March 18 at 7:30pm) or on our Sunday Preview performance (Sunday, March 19 at 2:00pm).

You can reply to this email or contact Artistic Director Jeff Church at jeff.church.jr@gmail.com for more information.

RI Premiere

WITCH

By Jen Silverman

(March 16 - April 9)

"Marvelous."

— *Chicago Sun Times*

What if you were offered a deal with the devil? Mischief is afoot in the sleepy village of Edmonton and the fate of the world is at stake in this smart modern fable. When the emotionally conflicted son of the local lord and an ambitious newcomer come into conflict, help presents itself to both of them in the same guise—as the Devil himself. But while these two young men take advantage of the Devil's bargain to accomplish their own questionable ends, someone else in town stands her ground—Elizabeth, an outcast whom everyone believes to be a witch.

"In her adaptation of this little-known Jacobean drama, Silverman's brought new life to an old story... a mesmerizing one-act drama that's filled with unexpected humor and feels as contemporary in theme as today's headlines."

— *Chicago Theatre Review*

"A wild, uncanny ride, full of humor, horror, and some absolutely unforgettable images."

— *Boston Globe*

"Visceral and engrossing... explosive fusion of the gothic, feminist polemic, and political allegory."

— *the Arts Fuse*

"Witch is a spellbindingly sensational spectacle. ... This is a production that everyone should experience."

— *Broadway World*

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

WITCH

by Jen Silverman

directed by Allison Crews

ENSEMBLE

MJ Daly	Elizabeth Sawyer
Zach Gibb	Scratch
Aaron Morris	Sir Arthur Banks
Alex Crespo Rosario	Cuddy Banks
Jared Nobrega	Frank Thorney
Mary Mullane	Winnifred

PRODUCTION CREW

Allison Crews	Director
Devra Levy	Stage Manager
Kelli Noonan	Assistant Director
Trevor Elliot	Production Design
Andrew Iacovelli	Technical Director
Brittany Costello	ATD/Props
Riley Nedder	Costume Design
Kelly Slader	Lighting Design
Alex Crespo Rosario	Choreography
Jeff Church	AD/Producer

WITCH CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Thursday, March 16 at 7:30pm **Preview**

Friday, March 17 at 7:30pm **Preview**

Saturday, March 18 at 7:30pm **PAY-WHAT-YOU-WILL Press Preview**

Sunday, March 19 at 2:00pm **PRESS Preview**

Friday, March 23 at 7:30pm **OPENING NIGHT**

Saturday, March 24 at 7:30pm

Sunday, March 25 at 2pm

Friday, March 31 at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 1 at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 2 at 2pm

Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 8 at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 9 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 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.