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**Burbage Theatre Co presents a special Halloween event
the World Premiere of James Lucey's
*Witching Hour Social Club***

PAWTUCKET, RI September 23, 2024 —

Burbage Theatre Co presents a special Halloween event, the world premiere of James Lucey's *Witching Hour Social Club*, a horror anthology for the stage, directed by Allison Crews (*Collective Rage, Witch, Five Women Wearing the Same Dress, among others*). Starring a massive cast of local talent, this play is largely inspired by classic horror anthologies like *Creepshow, Tales from the Crypt*, and of course, *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* It's been developed as a sort of experiment to test the potential and possibilities of the horror genre in live theatre.

***WITCHING HOUR SOCIAL CLUB* is a special event, and will be presented for a **limited engagement of 7** performances spanning three weeks from **October 18 through a closing performance on Halloween, Thursday October 31** at Burbage Theatre Co's Wendy Overly Studio Theatre.**

"*Witching Hour Social Club* is an incredibly exciting, unique holiday event. How often do you get to see the horror genre represented onstage? – a nagging question over the last several years, and something we've been interested in staging for quite some time. So when James told us that he had a horror anthology for the stage in the works it seemed serendipitous.

James Lucey has been a valued Burbage collaborator and company member for more than ten years – you might recognize his work from our *Big-Time Virtual Celebration* during the pandemic or several of our annual *Big-Time Celebration* events, or you may have seen him onstage – most recently as Perkins the Butler in *The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong*. **This is the first time Burbage will be producing a full-length original play of his – and we couldn't be more excited to share it with you. It's been workshopped, we held a staged reading last May, and now we have a cast of 20 actors ready to bring this play to vibrant life, just in time for Halloween. **Directed by Allison Crews, *Witching Hour Social Club* promises to be your destination for Horror/Halloween/Theatre fusion this Fall – don't miss it!"****

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

**Burbage Theatre Co's production of *Witching Hour Social Club* opens on
October 18 and closes on October 31 after 7 performances.
LIMITED ENGAGEMENT | Only three weeks**

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

***This is a special holiday event, is considered additional programming,
and is presented at a special discounted rate.***
*Witching Hour Social Club is not a part of Burbage Theatre Co's Season 13,
Flex Passes cannot be used to attend this production.*

WITCHING HOUR SOCIAL CLUB

by James Lucey

directed by Allison Crews

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT | October 18 - 31

Two estranged friends meet in the woods on an autumn night for the first gathering of their high school storytelling club in fifteen years. When it seems they're the only club members in attendance, their hopes for a big reunion dwindle. As they wait for their friends to arrive, they listen to cassette tapes of old stories from the club to pass the time. But there's more on the tapes than just old stories.

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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

WITCHING HOUR SOCIAL CLUB

by James Lucey

ENSEMBLE

Jared Nobrega	Charlie
Jonathan Hart	Tommy
Nick Mendillo	Grant
Steph Rodger	Francine
Riley Nedder	Mia
Perry Barkett	Keith
Emily MacLean	Doug
Autumn Jefferson	Chelsea
EJ Caraveo	Maddie
Sofia DaSilva	Lauren
Teddy Lytle	Marshall
Aubrey Dion	Leah
Mireya Hoffens	Arin, Courtney
Annabelle Iredale	Chloe (voiceover)
Kelly Robertson	Emmy
Carlin Fournier	Kurt
Marvin Novogrodski	Chester
Dillon Medina	Ronny
Carol Drewes	Harriet
Elisabet Ober	Christine

PRODUCTION CREW

Allison Crews	Director
Devra Levy	Stage Manager
Kelli Noonan	Assistant Stage Manager
Trevor Elliott	Production Design
Paul Medeiros	Sound Design
Andrew Iacovelli	TD
Brittany Costello	ATD/Props
Jeff Church	Producer



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Witching Hour Social Club CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES
LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Friday October 18 at 7:30pm
Saturday October 19 at 7:30pm
Sunday October 20 at 7:30pm

Friday October 25 at 7:30pm
Saturday October 26 at 7:30pm
Sunday October 27 at 7:30pm

Thursday October 31 at 7:30pm

TICKET POLICY —

"The best bang for your theatrical buck in the Ocean State." — Warwick Beacon

SPECIAL EVENTS PRICES –

General Admission — \$20

Students — \$15

Group Discounts are available – contact boxoffice@burbagetheatre.org for more info.

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.