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**Burbage Theatre Co continues their 14th Season
with the premiere of James Lucey's
*Witching Hour Social Club***

PAWTUCKET, RI October 16, 2025 —

Burbage Theatre Co presents 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), just in time for Halloween. 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 12 performances spanning three weeks from October 16 through November 2 at Burbage Theatre Co's Wendy Overly Studio Theatre.**

"*Witching Hour Social Club* is an incredibly exciting, unique 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 in May 2024, and presented a limited engagement workshop production for Halloween last season. After the overwhelmingly positive response, we've decided to include *Witching Hour Social Club* in our season-proper."**

"James has written a few new stories for returning patrons, and our team is 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 16 and closes on November 2 after 12 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.*

***Critics and members of the press* are invited to join us on Saturday, October 18 at 7:30pm or Sunday, October 19 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 Performances, 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.

WITCHING HOUR SOCIAL CLUB

by James Lucey
directed by Allison Crews
LIMITED ENGAGEMENT | October 16 - November 2

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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“A perfect 75-minute nugget of horror... [James] Lucey has succeeded on all counts... Not to be missed.”
-Broadway World RI (October 2024)

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

WITCHING HOUR SOCIAL CLUB
by James Lucey

ENSEMBLE

Jared Nobrega
Nick Mendillo
Riley Nedder
Perry Barkett
Sofia DaSilva
Aubrey Dion
Kelly Robertson
Carlin Fournier
Marvin Novogrodski
Dillon Medina
Carol Drewes

PRODUCTION CREW

Allison Crews	Director
Devra Levy	Stage Manager
Isaiah Gamboa	Assistant Stage Manager
Trevor Elliott	Production Design
Paul Medeiros	Sound Design
Riley Nedder	Costume Design
Andrew Iacovelli	TD
Brittany Costello	ATD/Props
Jeff Church	Producer



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***Witching Hour Social Club* CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES**
LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

Thursday October 16 at 7:30pm *Preview Performance*
Friday October 17 at 7:30pm *Preview Performance*
Saturday October 18 at 7:30pm *Opening Night/Pay-What-You-Will*
Sunday October 19 at 2:00pm

Thursday October 23 at 7:30pm
Friday October 24 at 7:30pm
Saturday October 25 at 7:30pm
Sunday October 26 at 7:30pm

Thursday October 30 at 7:30pm
Friday October 31 at 7:30pm
Saturday November 1 at 7:30pm
Sunday November 2 at 7:30pm

TICKET POLICY —

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

SPECIAL EVENTS PRICES –

Preview Performances — \$15

General Admission — \$35

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.