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Burbage Theatre Co begins their 14th Season with EVERY BRILLIANT THING directed by Angela Brazil, starring Stephen Thorne

PAWTUCKET, RI August 12, 2025 —

After their innovative and acclaimed 13th Season, **Burbage Theatre Co returns for their 14th with the heart-wrenching**, hysterical, and life-affirming one-man show *Every Brilliant Thing*, by Duncan Macmillan (*People Places and Things*, *Lungs*, *2071*, *Monster...*) with Jonny Donahoe, directed by Angela Brazil and starring Stephen Thorne, both of Trinity Repertory Company.

EVERY BRILLIANT THING will be presented for 13 performances from **September 11 through September 28 at Burbage** Theatre Co's Wendy Overly Studio Theatre.

"We've been hoping to produce this play for years, and we couldn't be more excited to open our 14th Season with it—especially in the hands of two legends of Rhode Island theatre. Duncan Macmillan's *Every Brilliant Thing* is a triumph of storytelling: honest, challenging, often hilarious, and one of the most life-affirming pieces I've ever encountered. It captures the profound sadness and joy of living, examining and revealing – with great care and originality – something essential in all of us.

Stephen Thorne and Angela Brazil are two of the most respected and beloved artists in Rhode Island. They are extraordinary actors, consummate professionals, and deeply compassionate humans. We're incredibly fortunate to have them leading this production, and I can't imagine a better team to bring *Every Brilliant Thing* to life. They're joined by an exceptional group of Burbage artists—some of our very best—to support and shape this beautiful piece of theatre.

You do not want to miss this production. It's got everything that drives us to the theatre in the first place – comedy, drama, honesty, deep feeling, and challenging subject-matter, all framed by the simple shared experience – the shared struggle and joy – of living. See you at the theatre."

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

Burbage Theatre Co's production of *Every Brilliant Thing* begins previews on September 11 and closes on September 28 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 14 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.

EVERY BRILLIANT THING

by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe (September 11 - September 28)

SYNOPSIS – You're six years old. Mum's in hospital. Dad says she's "done something stupid." She finds it hard to be happy. So you start to make a list of everything that's brilliant about the world. Everything that's worth living for:

- 1. Ice cream.
- 2. Kung Fu movies.
- 3. Burning things.
- 4. Laughing so hard you shoot milk out your nose.
- 5. Construction cranes.
- 6. Me.

You leave it on her pillow. You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling. Soon, the list will take on a life of its own. A play about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love.

Content warning: While we promise that this play contains humor and joy, it is important to note that this play's main themes surround and discuss depression, loss, and suicide.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

EVERY BRILLIANT THING by Duncan Macmillan, with Jonny Donahoe directed by Angela Brazil

ENSEMBLE

Narrator Stephen Thorne*

*Indicates a Guest Artist, and member of the Actors' Equity Association of America

PRODUCTION CREW

Angela Brazil Director

Devra Levy Stage Manager

Trevor Elliott Set Design

Andrew Iacovelli TD

Brittany Costello ATD/Props Jeff Church Producer

Every Brilliant Thing CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Thursday September 11 at 7:30pm *Preview*Friday September 12 at 7:30pm *Preview*Saturday September 13 at 7:30pm *OPENING/Pay-What-You-Will*Sunday September 14 at 2:00pm *Press matinee*

Thursday September 18 at 7:30pm Friday September 19 at 7:30pm Saturday September 20 at 7:30pm Sunday September 21 at 2:00pm

Thursday September 25 at 7:30pm Friday September 26 at 7:30pm Saturday September 27 at 2:00pm Saturday September 27 at 7:30pm Sunday September 28 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 — \$35

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.

Email us at boxoffice@burbagetheatre.org or give us a call at (401) 484.0355