

# BURBAGE THEATRE CO

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## **Burbage Theatre Co continues their season in Pawtucket, RI with William Shakespeare's "TWELFTH NIGHT, or what you will"**

Pawtucket, RI (02.12.2018)—The Burbage Theatre Co announces the penultimate production of their seventh season (2017-18) with [William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, or what you will](#), directed by Jeff Church, which opens previews on Friday February 23, and closes on Sunday March 18.

"Our *Twelfth Night*, will be unlike any Shakespeare you've yet seen," says Artistic Director Jeff Church, "This will be a fast-paced, irreverent romp rife with right turns. We're eager to bring the greatest of Shakespeare's comedies to life, we've got the team to do it, and enough surprises for both characters and audience alike to bring this timelessly hilarious story to full and vibrant life. **Don't fear the Shakespeare, this is a production for everyone and anyone who loves a laugh.**"

TWELFTH NIGHT runs from February 23 at TEN31 Productions (249 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860). Tickets are \$25 (general admission), \$15 (students), and \$10 (Rhode Island College students); preview performances (FEBRUARY 23, 25) are \$10. Our PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN performance is open to everyone.

Buy online at [www.burbagetheatre.org](http://www.burbagetheatre.org).

For more information, [info@burbagetheatre.org](mailto:info@burbagetheatre.org) or leave a message at (401)484-0355.

*For directions to our space in Pawtucket, see below.*

### **ABOUT TWELFTH NIGHT, OR WHAT YOU WILL**

"Frothy fun - but with bite." -*The Times*

Twelfth Night is a story of unrequited love - both hilarious and heartbreaking. Viola is shipwrecked on the shore of a strange country. She disguises herself so that she might serve Orsino, the Duke. While Viola falls for the Duke, he pines after the fair Olivia, who mourns the deaths of her father and brother. While she mourns, her uncle and a spendthrift knight who failed to woo her wreak havoc in the house. Their debauchery ensnares the wrath of the tight-collared and arrogant steward, Malvolio, and they plot their revenge. Meanwhile, Viola's brother Sebastian, presumed drowned in the shipwreck that delivered her to Illyria, is alive and with an infamous pirate in tow. In Shakespeare's comedic masterwork, "nothing that is so is so."

"The funniest of Shakespeare's plays... only the clown among all its characters is essentially sane." -*Harold Bloom*

"In [Twelfth Night], disguise comes before a fall. All the characters are in some way not what they seem. And all are ultimately revealed to be what they really are, which they themselves do not initially understand. Before the end, pretty much everybody takes a tumble, physically as well as metaphorically." -*New York Times*

"Having Burbage Theatre Co in Pawtucket gives audiences easy access to well done theatre." -*Pawtucket Times*

## ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

### *TWELFTH NIGHT, OR WHAT YOU WILL*

by William Shakespeare, directed by Jeff Church

#### CAST

Viola	Alison Russo
Duke Orsino	Leo Castro
Olivia	Allison Crews
Maria	Margaret Melozzi
Sir Toby Belch	Tom Gleadow*
Sir Andrew Aguecheek	Richard Whitehead
Malvolio	Dillon Medina
Feste, the Jester	Ben Church
Sebastian	Marc Mancini
Antonio	Jason Quinn
Fabian	Gabrielle McCauley
Valentine, Captain, Priest	Helena Tafuri

#### PRODUCTION CREW

Stage Management, Jessica Winward  
Production Design, Andrew Iacovelli  
Technical Director, Trevor Elliot  
Production Assistant, Liz Hallenbeck  
Costume Design, Coordination, Morgan Clark

#### CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Friday, February 23 at 8pm Preview Performance  
Saturday, February 24 at 8pm PRESS Preview Performance  
Sunday, February 25 at 2pm PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN/PRESS Performance

Friday, March 2 at 8pm  
Saturday, March 3 at 8pm  
Sunday, March 4 at 2pm

Friday, March 9 at 8pm  
Saturday, March 10 at 8pm  
Sunday, March 11 at 2pm

Friday, March 16 at 8pm  
Saturday, March 17 at 8pm  
Sunday, March 18 at 2pm

## ABOUT THE BURBAGE THEATRE CO

Founded in 2010, Burbage is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to excite and engage a new generation of theatre-goer with socially relevant and compelling stories, both classic and contemporary, told by an inventive and expert ensemble of actors.

We believe in the importance of irreverence. We believe that acting comes first. We believe the theatre's continued relevance as a civil institution is best perpetuated by building productions and their aesthetic around the collaboration of an expert ensemble of storytellers. We believe it is the actor's job to activate thought and inner movement in his audience.

In collaboration with TEN31 Productions, Burbage's theatrical residence in Pawtucket's arts district, Burbage is dedicated to the growing and cultivating of the diverse artistic community in Rhode Island by providing affordable access to the performing arts and perpetuating a discourse about, not only content, but the actor's role as storyteller in today's world. Burbage is an ideal sustainable arts model for the 21st Century.

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## **DIRECTIONS TO TEN31 Productions:**

We are located at 249 Roosevelt Avenue in Pawtucket, but can be a little difficult to find. The directions below will help you find our home, tucked up behind the building beside the Blackstone River.

### **From 95N (Providence)**

Take **EXIT 29**  
Bear **LEFT** on Ramp toward **Broadway**  
Turn **LEFT** onto **Broadway/US-1**  
At the first light, Turn **RIGHT** onto **Exchange St.**  
At the first light, turn **RIGHT** onto **Roosevelt Ave.**

### **From 95S (Boston)**

Take **EXIT 29**  
Turn **RIGHT** onto **Fountain Street**  
Turn **RIGHT** onto **Exchange St.**  
At the first light, turn **RIGHT** onto **Roosevelt Ave.**

**Once you've found entrance to 249 Roosevelt Avenue's parking lot:**  
follow the river behind the building, back and to the left, and we're just down the way.

If you have any questions or get lost, we can be reached at the theatre, one hour prior to showtime at (401)484-0355.