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PLAYHOUSE ON THE GREEN ADDS EXTRA PERFORMANCE OF *TWELVE ANGRY JURORS* FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009 AT 8PM

The verdict is in!: Rare version of classic play *Twelve Angry Men* featuring mixed cast of men and women is popular with audiences.

Bridgeport, CT— Playhouse on the Green, Bridgeport's not-for-profit community theater, has **added an extra performance** of its production of one of the most popular and powerful stage dramas of our time, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, on **Friday, February 27 at 8PM**. The original teleplay of *Twelve Angry Jurors* is by Reginald Rose, adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel.

Remaining performances are Friday, February 20 at 8PM; Saturday, February 21 at 3PM and 8PM; Sunday, February 22 at 3PM; and Friday, February 27 at 8PM.

Twelve Angry Jurors is the approved adaptation of the classic play *Twelve Angry Men* that features a mixed cast of men and women. The 1957 film version starred Henry Fonda.

In Sergel's 1960 stage play, based on the 1954 Rose teleplay, twelve jurors must decide the fate of a young man accused of murder. It seems like an "open and shut" case until one juror stands up for our American judicial system and insists that personal emotions and fear must not influence this life or death decision. Will he succeed, or is the evidence against the accused – and the jury's bias against him - too strong? This play, one of the most often-produced in North America in its various versions, is as relevant today as it was nearly 50 years ago.

Matt Schicker, Producing Artistic Director for Playhouse on the Green, directs. **Carl Tallent** is Set Designer; **Donald Rowe** is Lighting Designer; **Meredith Neal** is Costume Designer; **Jim DeVivo** is Sound Designer; **Natalie Inzero** is Production Stage Manager. Marketing by **graygraham**.

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The Playhouse on the Green cast includes **Lucy Babbitt of Stratford, Kent R. Brown of Fairfield, Mark Frattaroli of Stratford, Molly Garbe of Fairfield, Daryl Guberman of Stratford, Jake Hall of Bridgeport, Virginia Lity of Bridgeport, Nigel Rees of Milford, Steve Scarpa of New Haven, Kevin Shea of Norwalk, Fredda Takacs of Trumbull, David Victor of Fairfield, and John Zanowiak of Bridgeport.**

Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys at Law, is sponsor for Playhouse on the Green's production of *Twelve Angry Jurors*. <http://www.pullcom.com/>.

Adult single tickets are \$27. Senior Citizens tickets (65 and older) are \$25. Student tickets (21 years and younger) are \$15. **Tickets can be purchased 24/7 on-line at www.playhouseonthegreen.org or by calling TheaterMania at (866) 811-4111 (phone hours 9-9 weekdays, 10-6 weekends).**

Playhouse on the Green is located at 177 State Street between Main Street and Markle Court in downtown Bridgeport. Free, secure parking one block from the theater is available. For more information visit www.playhouseonthegreen.org or call 203-333-3666.

The **2008-2009 season continues** with *The Wiz* by Charlie Smalls and William F. Brown, which runs April 24-May 10, 2009. Complete schedule of all performances, exact dates and times, can be viewed at www.playhouseonthegreen.org.

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Playhouse on the Green is a 54-year-old 501(c)(3) not-for-profit theater company in residence at a beautiful 228-seat jewel-box theater in the heart of downtown Bridgeport, Connecticut. Playhouse on the Green's mission is to enrich Bridgeport's cultural life by providing an eclectic variety of live stage entertainment and arts education programs at an affordable cost, as well as providing opportunities for area artists. Among these programs are its mainstage season of plays and musicals; "Playhouse Greenhouse" and "Project Broadway", it's arts education programs for kids and teens; a Sunday evening series of music and comedy; and the "Page to Stage New Play Reading Series", which brings the new work of Connecticut playwrights to the stage. For more information, visit www.playhouseonthegreen.org.

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