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DEPARTED**

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COMING IN 2012—

The ‘Pearl of the Purchase Players’ Awards!

Join us on the red carpet early next year as we honor all of the ‘players’
from the 2011 season.

The community will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites in
several categories soon after the final show of the year.

Watch the website for more details!

BOOKSALE BY LOCAL AUTHOR—MATT SCHORR

Mayfield author Matt Schorr’s debut novel, “Elijah” will be available for sale during performances of *Dearlly Departed*. In Matt’s work of adult fiction, the title character, Elijah, is walking the earth in search of answers. For reasons unknown to him, he’s been blessed (or cursed) with the ability to heal whoever he touches. Any sickness. Any injury. It seems there’s no limit to his powers, save raising the dead and healing himself.

His quest brings him to the tiny, rural community of Antioch, a town not unlike Mayfield—with one primary exception. Antioch’s citizens attend and serve only one church: ChristPoint. The Rev. John Joshua Hutchinson serves as pastor and enjoys near-absolute power over all who live in Antioch. Elijah’s presence challenges that authority, and Joshua’s not about to give that up without a fight.

Cast of Characters

Bud Turpin / Rev. Hooker.....Raymond Burnett
 Raynelle.....Celia Brewer
 Ray-Bud.....Brian T. O'Neill
 Lucille.....Ann Watson
 Junior.....Matt Schorr
 Suzanne.....Tessa Powell
 Marguerite.....Betty Wise
 Royce.....Bryant Powell
 Delightful/Nadine.....Cheyenne Wagner
 Clyde/Norval.....Tim Lewis
 Juanita/Veda.....Amber Barnett
 The Joy of Life singers.....Tessa Powell, Ann Watson
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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

When first approached with the offer of directing "Dearly Departed" I was very tempted to decline. It has been quite some time since I've directed for Purchase Players, and my only directorial experience is with Children's Theater. I was none too keen to take on a quirky, somewhat twisted Southern comedy populated entirely with adults...I mean, how do you make adults do what you want them to do?! I felt pretty certain that neither the sinister - *"I'm afraid I'm going to have to speak with your parents about this"* - nor the outright - *I'm-A-Drama-Queen-And-This-Is-Theater-Screaching/Foot Stomping* - approaches were going to work with grown-ups. What would a girl do? Fortunately, I am certain of two things in this world: I am bossy and opinionated. I figured that would probably do.

I am so very glad I made the decision to get involved in this production. The cast is a dream. They are all brave, instinctive and very talented and are more than willing to put themselves out there for you...to bring you the funny! Everyone involved in this show has been so cooperative and helpful, and I remember now why it is always such a pleasure to be involved with The Purchase Players - wonderful people overflowing with surprising talent. To everyone who gave freely of their knowledge, resources and time, I offer heartfelt thanks. I played only a very small part in the hilarity that ensues...

Pamela A. Wright

Production Staff

Director.....Pam Wright
 Stage Manager.....Omega Lewis
 Lights.....Vanessa Lawson
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 Set painting.....Lee Scarbrough,
 Natalie Doran, Raymond Burnett
 Justus Wright, Samantha Doran
 Jonathan Bennett



BEHIND THE DRESSING ROOM DOORS....MEET THE CAST OF DEARLY DEPARTED

Raymond Burnett (*Bud Turpin/Rev. Hooker*) is a lifelong Graves County resident who has long been a fan of Purchase Players. Volunteering his services backstage for the last year, Raymond makes his onstage debut in Purchase Players' production of *Dearly Departed*.

Celia Brewer (*Raynelle*) is the proud mom of Melinda, who has appeared in several Purchase Players' children's plays, as well as in her drama class at GCHS. When Celia was a Paducah Sun reporter in the early 1980's, she was the stage manager for a handful of Market House Theatre plays. This is her first time acting since 1965, when she was in her high school play, *The Father of the Bride*. She was not the bride.

Brian T. O'Neill (*Ray-Bud*) is a Murray, Ky., resident. Brian was last seen in *Meet Me in St. Louis*. *Dearly Departed* is his second production at Purchase Players. He is on the Board of Directors at Playhouse in the Park in Murray and has been in many of their productions, including *Dearly Departed* -- a show he really enjoys.

Ann Watson (*Lucille*) has been directing and acting in plays since 2002. She is very active in Purchase Players. Some recent favorites are *Nunsense*, *Noises Off* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*. Ann teaches history at Hickman County High School and enjoys directing the annual school play.

Matt Schorr (*Junior*) returns to the Purchase Players stage for the second time after appearing in *Noises Off*. After what proved to be one of the Players' more chaotic and violent performances, Matt says he needed some R & R before stepping in front of an audience again. Matt has written for The Mayfield Messenger for the past five years and produced several short films screened throughout the region. He has also published his debut novel, *Elijah*, a work of adult fiction, which is available for purchase at performances of *Dearly Departed*.

Tessa Powell (*Suzanne*) was last seen in *Noises Off*. This is her second performance with Purchase Players. Tessa has participated in productions at Murray State University, including *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. She teaches English at Graves County High School and is also the school's Forensics Coach. Tessa resides in Benton, Ky., with her husband, Josh.

Betty Wise (*Marguerite*) is originally from Dawson Springs, lives in Paducah with her husband, Bob and Duchess - the "canine boss of the house". Betty has been involved with Market House Theater in Paducah, Ky., for 25+ years. This is her first production with Purchase Players. She has really enjoyed making new "theater friends" and hopes the audience will enjoy the production and appreciate the "quirky humor" found only in the South!

Bryant Powell (*Royce*) is a 16 year-old junior at Mayfield High School, where he is on the Academic Team. Bryant is very involved with Purchase Players, and has performed in *The King and I*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Beauty and the Beast*. This is his first non-musical adult play.

Cheyenne Wagner (*Delightful/Nadine*) is a junior at Graves County High School, where she is a member of Colorguard, GCTV, Agape and French Club. Cheyenne has been involved with Purchase Players since 2006, performing both onstage and backstage. This is Cheyenne's first non-musical adult play.

Tim Lewis (*Clyde/Norval*) is 44 years old and has been married for 20 years. He and his wife, Omega, have two children "who still have not learned the wisdom of old guys like me." Tim was last seen in *The Foreigner*. This is his second onstage performance with Purchase Players.

Amber Barnett (*Juanita/Veda*) has moved from America to England, back to America again—missing her education of growing up as a Southern belle in Alabama. You can take the South out of the girl, but you can't take the girl out of the South! This is Amber's second performance with Purchase Players, last seen in *The Foreigner*.



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