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- **Prime Stage Theatre presents courtroom classic “Twelve Angry Men”**
 - **Fiery portrait of American justice runs May 2-11 at New Hazlett;
Judge Lisa Middleman featured as opening night post-show speaker**
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PITTSBURGH — A jury of twelve ordinary citizens are charged with deciding the fate of a teenager on trial for murdering his father. Can they overcome their own backgrounds and biases to render a truly just verdict?

It’s a question audience members will grapple with when Prime Stage Theatre presents courtroom classic [*Twelve Angry Men*](#), running for seven shows May 2-11, 2025 at New Hazlett Theater, 6 Allegheny Square East, on Pittsburgh’s Northside.

Directed by Shane Valenzi, *Twelve Angry Men* is based on the riveting 1955 television movie written by Reginald Rose and adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel in 1983.

Tickets for *Twelve Angry Men* (adult \$39, artist/educator \$24, student \$19) can be reserved online at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36406/production/1208646> or by calling (412) 320-4610 x10.

The play is sponsored by Eckert Seamans, Attorneys at Law; media sponsor is SLB Radio.

On opening night May 3, the post-show discussion will feature **Judge Lisa Middleman**, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Middleman served 34 years as a public defender and criminal defense lawyer and will provide insights into how the play depicts the reality of a jury deliberation.

Twelve Angry Men is ranked at No. 12 in the American Film Institute’s list of Best American Films and is as relevant today as it was 70 years ago, says [Prime Stage Theatre](#) artistic director Wayne Brinda.

“The hero of *Twelve Angry Men* is a lone dissenter standing courageously against an unreasonable mob. The play shows the value of logic in the midst of intense drama and reveals the deepest aspects of our own human nature, from empathy to intolerance.”

Brinda adds that *Twelve Angry Men* has been used in high school civics classes, law school seminars and business management courses to illustrate group dynamics and interpersonal behavior. “It is an example of how theatre brings to light important issues in our daily lives and offers a fresh way of looking at them.”

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The *Twelve Angry Men* cast features Paul Anderson, John Dolphin, Marc Duchin, Jason Fernandez, Luke Hancock, Sam Lander, Everett Lowe, David Nackman, Johnny Patalano, Matthew Rush, Mark Spondike and Keith Zagorski as Jurors 1-12.

Since its founding in 1996, Prime Stage Theatre has presented over 100 plays that introduce student and family audiences to classic and contemporary works of world literature.

For more information, contact Connie Brinda, Prime Stage Theatre General Manager, at (724) 773-0700 or cbrinda@primestage.com.

WHAT: Prime Stage Theatre presents *Twelve Angry Men*; written by Reginald Rose and adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel, directed by Shane Valenzi

WHERE: New Hazlett Theater, 6 Allegheny Square East, Pittsburgh PA 15212

WHEN: 7 shows running May 2-11, 2025

- Fri. May 2 at 7:30 p.m. (Preview Night, pay-what-you-can admission)
- Sat. May 3 at 7:30 p.m. (Opening Night – post-show discussion with **Judge Lisa Middleman**, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas)
- Sun. May 4 at 2:30 p.m.
- Fri. May 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 10 at 2:30 p.m. (Sensory Inclusive with pay-what-you-can admission: sponsored by Autism Pittsburgh)
- Sat. May 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. May 11 at 2:30 p.m. (Audio Describe and Live Caption, sponsored by Downtown Pittsburgh Lions Club)

TICKETS: Adult \$39, artist/educator \$24, student \$19; call (412) 320-4610 x10 or purchase online at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36406/production/1208646>

SPONSORS: Eckert Seamans, Attorneys at Law; SLB Radio

MORE INFO: https://primestage.com/productions/twelve_angry_men/

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* Prime Stage Theatre promotes accessibility for [special needs audiences](#). Prime Stage Theatre audio describer Nathan Ruggles has won a national Achievement Award in Audio Description from the American Council of the Blind.

*** UPCOMING at Prime Stage Theatre ***


Mon. May 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m. *Freedom House: Giving Life a Second Chance*

A staged reading of a new play by L.E. McCullough on the birth of America's first EMS units in 1960s Pittsburgh.

Directed by Scott Calhoon and featuring Michael Bennett, Cynthia Davis, John Dolphin, Linda Haston, Kerry McGrath, DeVaughn Robinson, Wali Jamal

Tickets: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36406/performance/11581682>

*** PRIME STAGE THEATRE presents ***



FREEDOM HOUSE:
Giving Life a Second Chance

Witness the 1967 creation in Pittsburgh's Hill District of **Freedom House Ambulance Service** — America's **first professional mobile Emergency Medical Unit**

Written by L.E. McCullough ➤ A Staged Reading ➤ Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
* New Hazlett Theater, 6 Allegheny Square E. Pittsburgh PA * **Tickets:** primestage.com