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CITY THEATRE PRESENTS THE PAJAMA MEN

An award-winning duo whose unique style of sketch comedy has earned comparisons to Abbott and Costello, Monty Python, and "South Park"

"★★★★★..."

One of the most dazzling displays of comedy theatre I've ever seen." — *The Times*, London

"Groundbreaking... I was doubled over in a kind of hysterical agony. I felt as if my lungs had migrated into my throat and that my anatomy would soon be inside out." — *The Washington Post*

August 27 – September 7, 2014

PITTSBURGH, PA—*August 4, 2014*—City Theatre wraps up August with the Pittsburgh debut of award-winning sketch comedians **The Pajama Men**, performing their brand new show ***Just the Two of Each of Us***. This City Events special presentation will run on City Theatre's Mainstage **August 27 – September 7, 2014**.

Critically-acclaimed comedy duo The Pajama Men bring their trademark style of blink-of-an-eye character switches and sidesplitting humor to Pittsburgh! Originally from Albuquerque, the sketch comedians and masters of improv have become stars of the international comedy circuit, earning five stars from the London *Times* and comparisons to comic luminaries including Abbott and Costello, Monty Python, and "South Park."

"Without elaborate costumes or props, The Pajama Men produce a riotous, theatrical evening of smart comedy—the kind that makes you laugh so hard it hurts," says Tracy Brigden, City Theatre's Artistic Director. "Expect fast-paced physical comedy and outlandish characters that you won't find watching stand-up at a club. It is truly something you have never seen before. These guys take hilarity to new heights."

The Pajama Men are Shenoah Allen and Mark Chavez. The duo met in high school in the early 1990s in Albuquerque, auditioning for the high school improv team. It was at a time when having three side-by-side mohawks seemed like a good idea to Shenoah, and Mark was annually being voted class clown. They were teenagers. They didn't know where they were headed, but they found, in each other, a vast ocean of bizarre, imaginary worlds that they chose to live in. The immeasurable blandness of their suburban surroundings became a blank canvas, and they spent their time talking in ridiculous voices to each other, absentmindedly creating long soap operas between characters that they spent more time inhabiting than they did being their "normal" selves. Eventually the lack of creative influences in the vicinity allowed, for better or worse, their unique comic voice to emerge in the form of partially-improvised, multi-character, narrative-sketch comedy shows. They have since written nine shows together and toured them to theatres and festivals around the world, receiving awards and acclaim, including "Double Act of the Year" by the London *Times*.

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The Pajama Men

Just the Two of Each of Us

Created and performed by **Shenoah Allen** and **Mark Chavez**

When: August 27 – September 7, 2014

PRESS / OPENING NIGHT
Thursday, August 28 at 8pm

Performance Schedule
Wednesdays at 7pm
Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm
Saturdays at 5:30 and 8pm
Sundays at 2pm

Where: City Theatre, 1300 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (South Side)

Tickets: \$35 to \$40

Run time: approximately 70 minutes

Contains some suggestive content suitable for mature audiences.

Box Office: 412.431.CITY (2489) or citytheatrecompany.org

Audiences under 30 may reserve \$15 tickets in advance for all performances except Fridays 8pm and Saturdays 5:30pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, rush tickets are available two hours prior to show time and based on availability.

Seniors age 62 and older may purchase \$22 rush tickets at the Box Office beginning two hours before show time. Based on availability.

City Theatre season subscribers are eligible for \$25 tickets by phone only at 412.431.2489.

Groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounts. Call Kari at 412.431.4400 x286.

City Events is City Theatre's annual series of limited engagement special presentations.

City Theatre is now in its 40th anniversary season. Located on Pittsburgh's historic South Side, City Theatre specializes in new plays, commissioning and producing work by playwrights including Daniel Beaty, Jessica Dickey, Christopher Durang, Michael Hollinger, Willy Holtzman, Tarell McCraney, and Theresa Rebeck. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tracy Brigden, Managing Director Mark R. Power, and a 45-member Board of Directors, City Theatre's mission is to provide an artistic home for the development and production of contemporary plays of substance and ideas that engage and challenge a diverse audience.

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