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**Cape May Stage Offers a 2-for-1 Ticket to a Sign-Interpreted
Performance of David Auburn's Pulitzer-winning Play,
*Proof***

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Proof

Written by David Auburn

Directed by Roy Steinberg

ASL Interpreted Performance: October 9, 8 p.m.

Cape May, NJ- Cape May Stage, Cape May's premier professional Equity theatre, with the generous support of PNC Arts Alive, is proud to announce a spectacular evening of live theatre on Friday, October 9th. Theatrical interpreters for the deaf Celeste Herse and Anne Maselli will interpret the stage's 8 p.m. performance of David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Proof*. The ASL signed performance will take place at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at Bank and Lafayette Streets.

Herse, a local interpreter in the South Jersey area, is thrilled to return to the Stage this fall after previously interpreting several of the Stage's productions last season. "I love theater because it takes you to different places and signing performances is such a unique experience. As an interpreter not only do you have to listen, but also translate and communicate each emotion like an actor to make the story come alive," explains Herse. Herse will be joined on stage with theatrical interpreter and colleague, Anne Maselli. "Having a partner to work with on stage creates great interaction. It's more meaningful for the deaf to see two people interpreting and it's a lot of fun," states Herse.

In *Proof*, playwright David Auburn weaves together a gripping drama highlighting complex family relationships while utilizing mathematics, love, genius, trust, madness, fear and humor. The plot unfolds as Catherine (played by Wrenn Schmidt) becomes plagued with worry that as well as inheriting her deceased father's mathematical genius, she has also been cursed with his mental illness. Throughout the play, she searches for her own identity, all the while facing the doubts of her older sister and her deceased father's protégée. Fascinating and funny, *Proof* delves into the mysteries of something much more complicated than mathematical theories, and deals with what goes on in the characters' hearts, not their heads.

PNC Financial Services Group is the presenting sponsor of Cape May Stage's ASL Interpreted Performance. The support is part of PNC Arts Alive, a five-year, \$5 million investment from The PNC Foundation to help area residents gain access to the arts, and help arts organizations expand and engage audiences.

Proof featuring theatrical interpreters is scheduled for Friday, October 9 at 8 p.m. at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at the corner of Bank & Lafayette Streets in downtown Cape May. Mention this article when making reservations and receive a special 2-for-1 priced ticket. Performances are Wednesday thru Sundays at 8 p.m. thru October 24th. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$25 seniors, and \$12.50 students. Assisted listening devices are also available upon request for the hearing impaired. Call (609) 884-1341 for reservations and information or visit the theatre's website, www.capemaystage.com. To redeem discount, email Alicia@capemaystage.com with payment information.

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