



# News Release

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The Sheboygan Theatre Company presents the Pulitzer Prize winning drama, "Proof." Sponsored by CheeseSlicing LLC, "Proof" opens Friday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. The play was written by David Auburn and premiered on a New York stage in 2000 and went on to receive numerous awards in 2001. It was also adapted into a 2005 film starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins.

The story takes place in the suburbs of Chicago, Ill. and is about the death of a beloved but mentally unwell father, Robert. Robert was a brilliant mathematician and professor at the University of Chicago but was plagued with mental illness.

The story revolves around his youngest daughter, Catherine. Catherine had a very close bond to her father. She gave up further education to be her father's caregiver and confidant. With her father now gone, Catherine is left to put her life together after putting it on hold but now she is scared of what life will be like on her own. She happens to share her father's genius for math, yet she is scared that she may also share his madness.

The story for "Proof" is really about finding the proof of who you are inside and deciding for yourself what your life will be. Catherine feels trapped by her father, sister, lack of education and training and her isolated life. Yet, despite what others say or do, it is Catherine who will have to take the final step and accept what life has to offer her, no matter what.

"Proof" opens Friday, February 3, 2012, with subsequent performances on February 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5 at 2 p.m. The show contains some adult language and may not be appropriate for all ages. The production will be presented at the Leslie W. Johnson Theatre, 2820 Union Avenue, Sheboygan.

Admission, before tax, is \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors sixty and over and \$10 for students through to college. Tickets are available at the Theatre Company office in the Community Recreation Department, 607 S. Water Street, online at [sheboygantheatercompany.com](http://sheboygantheatercompany.com) and also at the theatre box office 45 minutes before curtain of each performance. To learn more visit the website or call 920/459-3779 to reserve tickets or for further information. This season is funded in part by the Stefanie H. Weill Charitable Fund, Acuity and the Arts and a grant from Wisconsin Arts Association.