

ALLEY THEATRE

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Alley Theatre Announces the Cast & Creative Team of Cult Classic *Clue*

Alley Theatre kicks off its season with the return of the beloved Summer Chills series.

HOUSTON TX - The Tony Award®-winning Alley Theatre announces the cast and creative team of its 76th season kick-off production – ***Clue***, with screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, written by **Sandy Rustin** with additional material by **Hunter Foster** and **Eric Price**. *Clue* is based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture and the Hasbro board game. This production runs **July 22 – August 28, 2022** in the Hubbard Theatre and is directed by Alley's Associate Producer & Casting Director **Brandon Weinbrenner**.

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a dinner party. Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they'll never forget... if they make it out alive. Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or Colonel Mustard in the library with the wrench? Based on the cult movie and the classic board game, *Clue* is the ultimate whodunit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist.

"It is hard to believe the last Summer Chills at the Alley was *Murder on the Orient Express* in the summer of 2019! It was my first show, and it was so exciting to see the Hubbard full of Houstonians who love this tradition," shares Alley Artistic Director **Rob Melrose**. "Growing up, my favorite board game to play with my family was CLUE. Then I saw the movie in the theatres when it first came out with a bunch of my friends. When it was in the movie theatre, you only got to experience one of the three possible endings, whereas in our production, you get to see all three!

"Growing up in the 80s, CLUE was a mainstay of my most frequented VHS viewing collection," shares director **Brandon Weinbrenner**. "This production promises to lift up the very best comedic work the Alley's Resident Acting Company and Houston acting community collaborators have to offer. A whodunit is afoot at Boddy Manor and it's up to Plum, Peacock, Mustard, Scarlet, Green, White, and our Summer Chills audience to solve the mystery. Summer Chills is back!"

The cast of *Clue* includes Alley's Resident Acting Company members **Elizabeth Bunch** as Mrs. White, **Dylan Godwin** as Wadsworth, **Shawn Hamilton** as The Unexpected Cop/ Chief of Police, **Chris Hutchison** as Mr. Boddy/ The Motorist/ Back Up Cop, **Melissa Molano** as The Cook/ Singing Telegram Girl/ Back Up Cop, **Melissa Pritchett** as Yvette, **David Rainey** as Colonel Mustard, **Christopher Salazar** as Mr. Green, and **Todd Waite** as Professor Plum.

Rounding out the cast is **Michelle Elaine** (*Dead Man's Cell Phone*, *Sense and Sensibility*) as Miss Scarlet, **Susan Koozin** (*Murder on the Orient Express*) as Mrs. Peacock and understudies **Alan Brincks** (*The Supreme Leader*) and **Mai Le** (*High School Play: A Nostalgia Fest*).

The creative team of *Clue* includes Scenic Designer **Tim Mackabee**, Costume Designer **Ásta Bennie Hostetter**, Lighting Designer **Jason Lynch**, Sound Designer **Palmer Hefferan**, Fight Director & Intimacy Coordinator **Adam Noble**, Stage Manager **Kristen Larson**, and Assistant Stage Manager **Rebeca R.D. Hamlin**.

Clue is by special arrangement with The Araca Group, Work Light Productions, and Michael Barra/Lively McCabe Entertainment.

PRESS NIGHT: Wednesday, July 27 at 7:30pm. Invitations will be sent at a later date.

DIGITAL DISTRIBUTION: From August 29 through September 11, a paid digital version of *Clue* filmed live at the Alley, will be available for viewing. Guests who have purchased an in-person ticket and do not feel comfortable attending in-person may transfer their ticket before the start of their ticketed performance to a digital ticket. Digital tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at alleytheatre.org. Limited digital tickets will be available for purchase.

SPONSORS: The Alley Theatre is supported by the 2022-23 Season sponsor United Airlines, the official airline of the Alley Theatre.

TICKETS: Tickets to *Clue* are now on sale and start at \$28. Discounted tickets are available for military, seniors, and any student or educator, regardless of age, with a valid student ID for designated performances. Tickets can be ordered online (alleytheatre.org) or by phone (713.220.5700).

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ABOUT THE ALLEY THEATRE:

The Alley Theatre, one of America's leading nonprofit theatres, is a nationally recognized performing arts company led by Artistic Director Rob Melrose and Managing Director Dean R. Gladden. The Alley is committed to developing and producing theatre that is as diverse as the Houston community. The Theatre produces up to 16 plays and nearly 500 performances each season, ranging from the best current work and re-invigorated classic plays to new plays by contemporary writers. Home to a full-time resident company of actors, the Alley engages theatre artists of every discipline—actors, directors, designers, composers, playwrights—who work on individual productions throughout each season as visiting artists.

The Alley is comprised of two state-of-the-art theatres: the 774-seat Hubbard Theatre and the 296-seat Neuhaus Theatre. The Alley reaches over 200,000 people each year through its performance, education, and community engagement programs. Its audience enrichment programs include pre-show and post-performance talks, events, and workshops for audience members of all ages.

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