

ALLEY THEATRE

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Alley Theatre Announces the Cast & Creative Team of *Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Jersey Lily*

***Alley Theatre Resident Acting Company Member Todd Waite Returns to the Role
of Sherlock Holmes for the Fifth Time at the Alley***

HOUSTON TX - The Tony Award®-winning Alley Theatre announces the cast and creative team of ***Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Jersey Lily***. The comedy-mystery ***Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Jersey Lily*** by **Katie Forgette** and directed by Alley Theatre's Associate Producer & Casting Director **Brandon Weinbrenner** runs **April 14 – May 7, 2023** in the Hubbard Theatre.

"I'm thrilled for Todd Waite's long overdue return as Sherlock Holmes," shares Artistic Director **Rob Melrose**. "Theatre lovers will delight in this play particularly for its backstage antics and for the secondary character of Oscar Wilde as he struggles to compose his masterpiece *The Importance of Being Earnest*. *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily* is full of mystery and thrills but it is also a great comedy as well. I'm excited to share this play with Houston audiences!"

The wit of Oscar Wilde meets the cunning of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. In this comic twist on a classic sleuthing caper, Wilde's muse, actress Lillie Langtry (a.k.a the Jersey Lily) presents Holmes with what seems like an open and shut case. But with his superior powers of deductive reasoning, Sherlock wastes no time in exposing a much more sinister conspiracy. Meanwhile, Oscar Wilde is in the throes of writing his acclaimed *The Importance of Being Earnest* and Holmes might inspire some of the play. In a fast-paced ride full of surprises and disguises, Holmes and Watson must do whatever it takes to help their friends...while facing their greatest foe.

"I'm thrilled to bring one of literature's most iconic and dynamic characters back to the Alley Theatre," shares **Brandon Weinbrenner**. "This time Sherlock Holmes takes us to a setting all our audiences can relate to, the world of live theatre! Adventure and mishaps pepper the way as Sherlock quips with the Oscar Wilde, dons disguise, reveals imposters, and plots with Dr. Watson how to save our leading lady Lillie Langtry from the greed and evil that lurks in the London shadows.

The cast of *Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Jersey Lily* includes Alley Theatre Resident Acting Company Members **Todd Waite** as Sherlock Holmes, **Elizabeth Bunch** as Mrs. Irma Tory/ Mrs. McGlynn, and **Christopher Salazar** as Oscar Wilde.

Rounding out the cast is **Orlando Arriaga** (*72 miles to go...*, Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Soprano*) as Dr. Watson/ Man 2, **Brandon Hearnberger** (*Cowboy Bob*, Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Soprano*) as Professor Moriarty, **Krystal Lucas** as Mrs. Lillie Langtry, and **Levin Valayil** as John Smythe/ Abdul Karim/ Man 1.

The creative team includes Scenic Designer **Lawrence E. Moten III**, Costume Designer **Sara Ryung Clement**, Lighting Designer **Kevin Rigdon**, Sound Designer **Melanie Chen Cole**, Fight Director & Intimacy Specialist **Adam Noble**, Stage Manager **Rachel Dooley-Harris**, and Assistant Stage Manager **Kaylee Sarton McCray**.

PRESS NIGHT: Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm. Invitations will be sent later.

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TICKETS: Tickets to *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily* are now on sale and start at \$26. 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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PHOTO: [Advanced Image of Todd Waite as Sherlock Holmes Here](#). Photography by Lynn Lane.

ABOUT ALLEY THEATRE:

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 Alley produces up to 11 plays and nearly 400 performances each season, ranging from the best current work and classic plays to new plays by contemporary writers. Home to a full-time resident company of actors and expert artisans in all theatre crafts, the Alley engages theatre artists of every discipline – actors, directors, designers, composers, playwrights – who work on individual productions throughout each season as visiting artists.

Alley Theatre performs at the Meredith J. Long Theatre Center which 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.

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