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## **Alley Theatre Starts the New Year with *Pictures from Home***

### ***This memory play provides a unique snapshot of a family***

HOUSTON, TX - The Tony Award®-winning Alley Theatre and Artistic Director Rob Melrose announce the cast of *Pictures from Home*. Directed by **Rob Melrose**, written by **Sharr White**, and based on the Photo Memoir of the same name by **Larry Sultan**, *Pictures from Home* explores family bonds, legacy, and the purpose of art.

- **Fresh from Broadway:** *Pictures from Home* took Broadway by storm last winter, leaving audiences moved and inspired. Now, Houston can witness the magic of this touching memory play up close and personal.
- **Developed in the Alley All New Festival:** *Pictures from Home* was a standout at the 2020 All New Festival for its remarkable storytelling and emotional depth. This production will be an unforgettable experience for theater enthusiasts.
- **Based on Photo Memoir:** In the 1992 memoir, Sultan mixed his photos of his parents with snapshots from the 1950s and early '60s.
- **Intimate Portrayal of Family:** This poignant memory play will touch your heart, leave you pondering the complexities of family dynamics, and ask you who gets to depict the family story.

Artistic Director **Rob Melrose** shares his thoughts on this production, "This is a homecoming of sorts because we were involved with the early development of the script in our Alley All New Festival. Our audience was extremely enthusiastic about this play, especially its delightful sense of humor and its poignant picture of an adult son and his relationship with his aging parents. *Pictures from Home* was picked up by a Broadway producer and received a star-studded production with Nathan Lane, Zoë Wannamaker, and Danny Burstein. Alley Managing Director Dean Gladden, General Manager Brandon Kahn, and I were all there for its opening night on Broadway. It was a magical evening that made us all proud to see a play from the Alley All New Festival have such a tremendous success. Sharr wanted the Alley to be the first production after its Broadway run and we are truly honored to have our audiences experience it before any other theatre in the country. We are also delighted that we get to do the production that is unique and very different from the Broadway production."

The cast of *Pictures from Home* includes Alley's Resident Acting Company member **Todd Waite** as Irving Sultan with **Zachary Fine** (Edward Albee's *Seascape*, *The Servant of Two Masters*) as Larry Sultan and **Susan Koozin** (Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me A Soprano*, Agatha Christie's *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*) as Jean Sultan.

The creative team of *Pictures from Home* includes Scenic Designer **Michael Locher**, Costume Designer **Judith Dolan**, Lighting Designer **Jiyoun Chang**, Projection Designer **Victoria Beauray**

**Sagady**, Sound Designer **Cliff Caruthers**, Fight Director & Intimacy Specialist **Adam Noble**, Stage Managers **Jocelyn A. Thompson** and **Debs Ramser**, and Assistant Stage Manager **Laura Gutierrez**.

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**TICKETS:** Performances of *Pictures from Home* begin Friday, **January 19 to Sunday, February 11** in the Hubbard Theatre. Tickets to *Pictures from Home* are now on sale, starting at \$29. Discounted tickets are available for military, seniors, educators and any student, regardless of age, with a valid ID for designated performances in designated sections. Tickets can be ordered online ([alleytheatre.org](http://alleytheatre.org)) or by phone (713.220.5700).

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**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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