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## **Briana J. Resa will return in Isaac Gómez's *The Night Shift Before Christmas***

*The Adult Holiday Comedy is Packed with Humor and Heart, Set Right Here in H-Town*

HOUSTON, TX - Tony Award®-winning Alley Theatre announces that Houston actor **Briana J. Resa** will star in Texas native playwright **Isaac Gómez's *The Night Shift Before Christmas***. Directed by **KJ Sanchez** (Noël Coward's *Private Lives*, *American Mariachi*), this adult holiday comedy will transform the Neuhaus Theatre into a local restaurant as Margot works the graveyard shift on Christmas Eve.

"Isaac Gómez had the brilliant idea to create *The Night Shift Before Christmas* to highlight the many mom-and-pop restaurants that make Houston great," said Alley Artistic Director **Rob Melrose**. "Of course, I'm delighted that the play so beautifully mirrors our version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This *Christmas Carol*, however, is Houston's version, and it celebrates the holidays in a modern way."

"After celebrating my first production with *A Christmas Carol*, it's thrilling that my second production continues that festive spirit in a brand-new way," shares Managing Director **Jennifer Bielstein**. "*The Night Shift Before Christmas* offers a fresh, funny, and heartfelt perspective on the season, reminding us that joy and connection can be found in even the most unexpected places."

**Briana J. Resa** will star as Margot in this one-woman show with **Elissa Cueller** (*American Mariachi*) as her understudy.

The creative team includes Scenic & Lighting Designer **Kevin Rigdon**, Costume Designer **David Arevalo**, Sound Designer **Kathy Ruvuna**, Music Director **Jack Beetle**, Voice & Dialect Coach **Micha Espinosa**, and Stage Manager **Kaylee Sarton McCray**.

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**TICKETS:** Performances run **Friday, November 28 to Sunday, December 28** in the Neuhaus Theatre. Tickets to *The Night Shift Before Christmas* are now on sale, starting at \$45. 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).

**PRESS NIGHT:** Sunday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. Invitations to be sent at a later date.

**ADVANCED PHOTO:** [Briana J. Resa as Margot in \*The Night Shift Before Christmas\*](#)

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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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