

ALLEY THEATRE

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***Misery* closes out Alley Theatre's 2025-26 Season**

HOUSTON, TX - Tony Award-winning Alley Theatre and Artistic Director **Rob Melrose** announce the cast and creative team of ***Misery***. Directed by Alley Associate Artistic Director **Brandon Weinbrenner**, **William Goldman's** adaptation of **Stephen King's** chilling thriller comes to life on stage when a fan will stop at nothing for the sequel of her dreams.

Melrose shared, "Stephen King has captivated audiences for decades in novels and movies. I'm excited for Alley audiences to experience his work in the live theatre, which as we know, is always more spine tingling. Having a live audience and live actors makes the experience so much more immediate. I'm especially excited for longtime Resident Acting Company members Elizabeth Bunch and Christopher Hutchison to bring this twisted relationship to life. Their many years of working together brings a depth to the performance that Alley audiences will appreciate."

"*Misery* might be the show that you didn't know you wanted," shared **Weinbrenner**. "Stephen King's psychological horror classic comes to theatrical life as a tour-de-force cat and mouse game for our Resident Acting Company real-life married couple Elizabeth Bunch and Chris Hutchison. The play spins the audience (and the set) towards its thrilling conclusion as we watch Paul Sheldon (Hutchison) fight, crawl, and type his way out of the obsessive clutches of Annie Wilkes (Bunch), his 'number one fan.' This production promises to leave you breathless."

The cast includes Alley's Resident Acting Company members **Elizabeth Bunch** as Annie Wilkes, **Chris Hutchison** as Paul Sheldon and **Christopher Salazar** as Buster.

The creative team includes Scenic Designer **Tim Mackabee**, Costume Designer **Haydee Zelideth**, Lighting Designer **Seth Reiser**, Sound Designer **Melanie Chen Cole**, Fight Director & Intimacy Specialist **Adam Noble**, Stage Manager **Aaron Elgart**, and Assistant Stage Manager **Madolyn Friedman-Logue**.

SPONSORS: *Misery* is generously sponsored by Sidney Faust (Honorary Producer); Julie Stephenson and Joel Glover, Jillian Jopling and Peter McGillivray, Amy and John Miller, and Norton Rose Fulbright (Associate Producers). Alley Theatre is supported by the 2025-26 Season Sponsors United Airlines, the official airline of Alley Theatre, and Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites Downtown Houston, the official hotels of Alley Theatre.

ACCESSIBLE PERFORMANCES: Captioned Performance on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 PM, Audio Described Performance on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 PM, ASL Interpreted Performance is Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 PM and Simultaneous Spanish Translation Performances are Friday, June 5 at 8:00 PM and Saturday, June 20 at 8:00 PM.

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TICKETS: Performances begin **Friday, May 29 to Sunday, June 21** in the Hubbard Theatre. Tickets are now on sale, starting at \$36. 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) or by phone (713.220.5700).

ADVANCED PHOTOS: [Elizabeth Bunch as Annie Wilkes and Chris Hutchison as Paul Sheldon. Photos by Tasha Gorel.](#)

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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 Jennifer Bielstein. 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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