

CURTAIN CALL

MESQUITE ARTS THEATRE

Stephen King's

MISERY

adapted by William Goldman

Directed by James Mychael

October 3-19



FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

7:30 PM

SUNDAY MATINEES

2:30 PM

FROM THE DIRECTOR

James Mychael - Director



When I first read William Goldman's stage adaptation of Stephen King's "Misery", I knew I had to bring this gripping story to life. At its heart, this is a psychological thriller about Paul Sheldon, a successful novelist who becomes trapped in the home of Annie Wilkes, his self-proclaimed "number one fan." What starts as a rescue after a car accident quickly becomes a nightmare as Annie's obsession with Paul's romance novels turns dangerous and controlling.

This story fascinated me because it explores the complex relationship between artists and their fans. Annie doesn't just love Paul's books - she feels like she owns them, and him. When Paul tries to kill off her favorite character, Mis-

ery Chastain, Annie forces him to bring her back to life. It's a terrifying look at what happens when admiration becomes obsession, and when a fan believes they have the right to control the stories they love. In our world of social media and online reviews, where readers can directly contact authors and share their opinions instantly, this theme feels surprisingly current.

What makes this play so powerful is its intimacy. With mostly just two characters on stage, you'll feel like you're trapped in that remote cabin with them. Every conversation becomes a battle of wits, every moment a test of survival. We have worked hard to show you both sides of these complex characters—Annie isn't just a villain, and Paul isn't just a victim. They're both real people caught in an impossible situation that will keep you on the edge of your seat... until the very last scene.

James Mychael

The Bravo Bucket

The actors for tonight's performance are volunteers. They have donated their time, talent and resources to create a quality production out of their love to entertain. If you've enjoyed the performance, please feel free to show your appreciation with a contribution to the Bravo Bucket after the show. These donations are split among the cast at the close of all performances. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
AT A FUTURE PRODUCTION AGAIN SOON!**

MISERY

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From the novel by Stephen King

(There will be one 15 minute Intermission)

THE CAST

Annie Wilkes Brandy Nuttall
Paul Sheldon James Mychael
Buster Preston Wells

THE CREW

Director James Mychael
Assistant Director/Stage Manager Stephanie Lewis
Producer Stephanie Lewis
Set Design James Mychael
Costumer/Props James Mychael
Lights/ Sound Technician Jack Wilkinson
Graphic Design James Mychael

A very special *Thank You* to everyone involved in this production that we weren't able to include in this Playbill, but we love nonetheless!

ABOUT THE CAST

BRANDY NUTTALL as Annie Wilkes: Brandy Nuttall is happy to return to the MAT for her second show. She was last seen at the MAT as Aunt Em in **THE WIZARD OF OZ**. Some of her favorite roles include Sue in **SNAPSHOTS**, Annie in **THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG** and Momma in **LOST HIGHWAY: THE HANK WILLIAMS STORY** to name a few. In her day job she enjoys teaching high schoolers the joy of Technical Theater at Naaman Forest HS in Garland. She wants to thank her family for always supporting her love of the arts and allowing her to pursue this passion. She also wants to thank James Mychael for taking a chance on her for this most amazing part.

JAMES MYCHAEAL as Paul Sheldon: James has always enjoyed performing on the Mesquite Arts Theatre stage, and this production of **MISERY** is no exception. Having worked on both sides of the velvet curtain, he has a greater appreciation for what is needed to produce a quality show. Past performances at the MAT include **FRANKENSTEIN**, **WAIT UNTIL DARK**, the World Premiere of **DEATH BY DESIGN**, holiday favorite, **A CHRISTMAS STORY**, literary classic **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**, and the phenomenal play, **THE ELEPHANT MAN**. James would like to express gratitude to his talented cast & crew for their dedication to this production and the immense talent and fortitude they've displayed.

PRESTON WELLS as Sheriff Buster: This is Preston's 3rd show with the MAT. He previously was seen here for the World Premiere of **DEATH BY DESIGN** and the thriller **WAIT UNTIL DARK**. Most recently, Preston can be seen as a featured player in the MAT's Newest Improv Comedy Show "What's My Line Again?" When he is not performing, Preston enjoys making flower arrangements at Rockwall's Lakeside Florist. He is excited to join this talented cast for this classic thriller.

Misery

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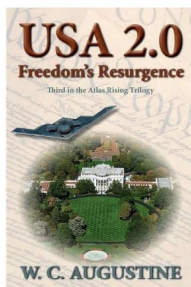
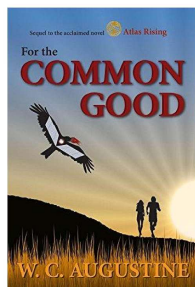
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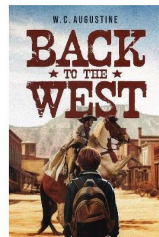
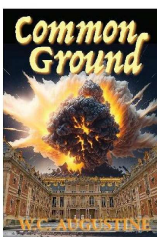
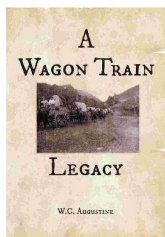
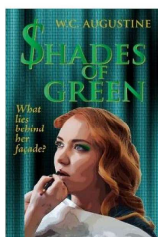


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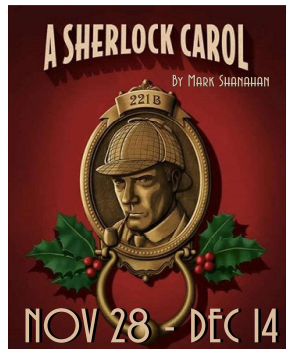
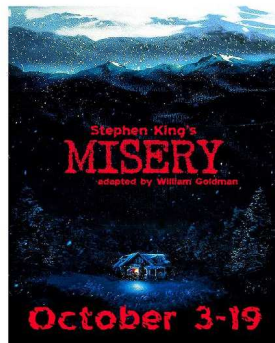
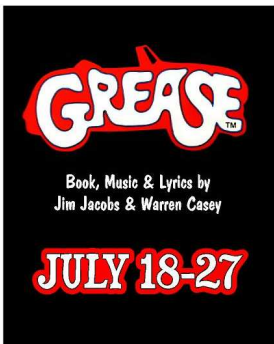
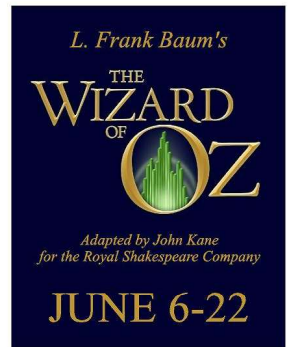
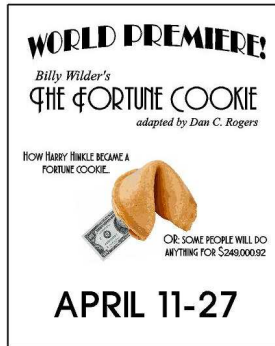
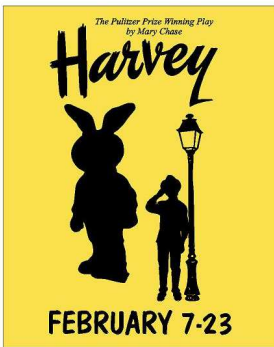
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