MISERY

By William Goldman / Based on the novel by Stephen King / Directed by Anika Thompson

Duluth Playhouse is committed to inclusive, color-conscious casting. Actors of all ethnicities, gender identities, and abilities are highly encouraged to audition. Seeking a diverse cast of adult actors.

GENERAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Auditions will be held in person at the NorShor Theatre Rehearsal Studios located at 211 E. Superior St. Duluth, MN 55802. Please enter through the “Lights on Duluth” door located next to the Box Office.

AUDITION DETAILS

- Auditions will be held Saturday, July 22 from 1 – 3pm. This timeframe will be expanded if all available slots fill up.
- Actors must sign up for a 5 minute audition time slot HERE
- Actors must fill out the audition form HERE
- Actors will be asked to read one of the preselected script sides for HERE
  - Paper copies will be provided at the audition.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- Headshot: or an up to date picture of yourself
- Resume: listing recent performance credits

VIDEO SUBMISSION

- If you cannot attend auditions, please send in a video submission to auditions@duluthplayhouse.org no later than Friday, July 21 at 12pm.
- Video submissions must include:
  - Video Audition: Please read one of the preselected script sides found HERE
  - Headshot and Resume: Please email a resume and picture of yourself.
  - Audition Form: Please fill out the audition HERE
- Some examples of how to share video submissions:
  - Upload your video to Google Drive or Dropbox. Create a shareable link, copy and paste it to your email message.
  - Create a YouTube video with a viewable link
  - There are other ways to also share videos, these are just some examples
CALLBACK DETAILS

- Callbacks will be held on Tuesday, July 25 by email invitation.
- Callbacks will consist of reading from the script.

ABOUT MISERY

Duluth Playhouse Underground presents this spine-tingling production of expertly crafted suspense from the mind of Stephen King. An intimate, psychological thriller, Misery is a must-see that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Successful romance novelist, Paul Sheldon is rescued from a car crash by his “#1 Fan” Annie Wilkes. Exploring themes of obsession, power, and the dangers of celebrity and fandom, the Underground invites you to give into your deepest, darkest fears.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

ANNIE WILKES (Female Presenting, age 40s – 60s – any Race)
A retired nurse who comes to Paul’s rescue, Annie cares deeply for Paul, even if she does seem slightly off. As Paul grows to know her, it becomes clearer that Annie is manipulative and cunning and hides a terrifying malice behind her cheery simple façade.

PAUL SHELDON (Male Presenting, age 30s – Early 60s – any race)
A famed romance novelist tired of the series that has brought him the most acclaim. Having just finished something new, he is in a car crash and wakes up in an unknown place. With horribly broken legs, he is unable to care for himself and must rely on his strange nurse Annie to survive. He’s a touch arrogant, wily, and extremely crafty. He quickly realizes how dangerous his situation is and must use everything at his disposal to survive.

BUSTER (Any gender, age Late 30s – Late 60s, any race)
The Sheriff of a nearby town who is searching for Paul. They are very friendly and use their casual, easy-going demeanor to investigate.

The parts of Paul and Annie will require physical action and movement that includes (but may not be limited to) lifting or assisting in lifting another human, moving one’s own body weight with upper body only, moving furniture and large set pieces, and exerting physical action and effort during dialogue.
## REHEARSAL INFORMATION

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<th>Rehearsal Dates &amp; Times:</th>
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<td>Rehearsals are currently scheduled Mon-Fri from 7 pm–10 pm. Final schedule and times may vary depending on actor availability.</td>
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<td>Tech Rehearsals: October 2 – 11: 6-10pm</td>
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<td>NorShor Theatre and Rehearsal Studios 211 E. Superior St. Duluth, MN 55802</td>
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## PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES

- October 12 at 7:30pm Opening Night
- October 13 at 7:30pm
- October 14 at 7:30pm

- October 19 at 7:30pm
- October 20 at 7:30pm
- October 21 at 7:30pm

- October 26 at 7:30pm (potential additional performance)
- October 27 at 7:30pm (potential additional performance)
- October 28 at 7:30pm (potential additional performance)

## Questions?

Additional questions should be directed to [auditions@duluthplayhouse.org](mailto:auditions@duluthplayhouse.org)