

BURBAGE THEATRE CO

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**Burbage Theatre Co presents the RHODE ISLAND PREMIERE of Melissa Ross's
"THINNER THAN WATER" directed by Allison Crews**

Pawtucket, RI (04.06.2018)—The Burbage Theatre Co announces the fifth and final production of their seventh season (2017-18) with the Rhode Island premiere of Melissa Ross's **Thinner than Water**, directed by Allison Crews, which opens previews on Friday April 20, and closes on Sunday May 13.

THINNER THAN WATER runs from April 20 -May 13 at TEN31 Productions (249 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860). Tickets are \$25 (general admission), \$15 (students), and \$10 (Rhode Island College students); preview performances (APRIL 20, 22) are \$10. Our PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN performance (Saturday April 21) is open to everyone. Buy online at www.burbagetheatre.org.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS are invited to attend our PAY WHAT YOU CAN PERFORMANCE (Saturday April 21) or our Sunday preview performance (April 22 at 2pm).

For more information, info@burbagetheatre.org or leave a message at (401)484-0355.

For directions to our space in Pawtucket, see below.

ABOUT THINNER THAN WATER

"...Engaging...intelligently wrought...Shrewdly sidestepping the bog of exposition and instead allowing the audience to connect the dots of her characters' collective history, Ms. Ross opens midargument...the writing is pithy yet sensitive...In her debut production, Ms. Ross shows a deft balance of generosity and toughness toward her characters, tempering the raw moments with humor." -*New York Times*

When their father falls ill, three estranged half-siblings reunite. As the world around them crumbles, they argue with each other and with everyone around them in a desperate struggle to do the right thing and mend their rapidly deteriorating lives. "Thinner than Water" is a blood-raw, wicked comedy-drama about fighting through the thick and thin of family.

"...beautifully written, funny, and very entertaining...The neurotic yet sympathetic characters are all believable." -
-*The New Yorker*

"...throbs with the messiness of life. All of the characters, even the minor ones, feel vividly real, while the dialogue is acidly funny...surprisingly cathartic." -*New York Post*

"What makes THINNER THAN WATER so compelling is the unflinching accuracy of the many confrontations that make up its story...to her great credit Ross first makes you think she is going to reconcile all these lives, cable-drama style, only to throw us a loop. Whether it's a sunny interval or just a continuation of the downpour of life remains an open question." -
Chicago Tribune

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

THINNER THAN WATER

by Melissa Ross, directed by Allison Crews

CAST

Renee	Rae Mancini
Gary	Dillon Medina
Cassie	Alison Russo
Gwen	Clare Blackmer
Mark	Jim O'Brien*
Benjy	James Lucey
Angela	Gabby McCauley
Henry	Andrew Iacoveli

PRODUCTION CREW

Stage Management, Morgan Clark
Lighting Design, Jessica Winward
Production Design, Andrew Iacovelli
Technical Director, Trevor Elliot
Production Assistant, Liz Hallenbeck
Sound Design/Original Music, Marcel McVay

CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Friday, April 20 at 8pm Preview Performance
Saturday, April 21 at 8pm PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN Performance
Sunday, April 22 at 2pm PRESS Preview Performance

Friday, April 27 at 8pm
Saturday, April 28 at 8pm
Sunday, April 29 at 2pm

Friday, May 4 at 8pm
Saturday, May 5 at 8pm
Sunday, May 6 at 2pm

Friday, May 11 at 8pm
Saturday, May 12 at 8pm
Sunday, May 13 at 2pm

ABOUT THE BURBAGE THEATRE CO

Founded in 2010, Burbage is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to excite and engage a new generation of theatre-goer with socially relevant and compelling stories, both classic and contemporary, told by an inventive and expert ensemble of actors.

We believe in the importance of irreverence. We believe that acting comes first. We believe the theatre's continued relevance as a civil institution is best perpetuated by building productions and their aesthetic around the collaboration of an expert ensemble of storytellers. We believe it is the actor's job to activate thought and inner movement in his audience.

In collaboration with TEN31 Productions, Burbage's theatrical residence in Pawtucket's arts district, Burbage is dedicated to the growing and cultivating of the diverse artistic community in Rhode Island by providing affordable access to the performing arts and perpetuating a discourse about, not only content, but the actor's role as storyteller in today's world. Burbage is an ideal sustainable arts model for the 21st Century.

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DIRECTIONS TO TEN31 Productions:

We are located at 249 Roosevelt Avenue in Pawtucket, but can be a little difficult to find. The directions below will help you find our home, tucked up behind the building beside the Blackstone River.

From 95N (Providence)

Take **EXIT 29**
Bear **LEFT** on Ramp toward **Broadway**
Turn **LEFT** onto **Broadway/US-1**
At the first light, Turn **RIGHT** onto **Exchange St.**
At the first light, turn **RIGHT** onto **Roosevelt Ave.**

From 95S (Boston)

Take **EXIT 29**
Turn **RIGHT** onto **Fountain Street**
Turn **RIGHT** onto **Exchange St.**
At the first light, turn **RIGHT** onto **Roosevelt Ave.**

Once you've found entrance to 249 Roosevelt Avenue's parking lot:
follow the river behind the building, back and to the left, and we're just down the way.

If you have any questions or get lost, we can be reached at the theatre, one hour prior to showtime at (401)484-0355.