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Virginia Rep stages Stephen King's thriller drama *Misery*

August 22, 2024— Virginia Rep begins its run of Stephen King's *Misery* on August 31 at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, 114 West Broad Street. By William Goldman, based on King's novel, this captivating drama runs through September 29—and is the perfect way to start off a frighteningly fun fall season.

Rescued from a car crash that leaves him unable to walk, famed novelist Paul Sheldon wakes in the secluded home of Annie Wilkes, his self-proclaimed “number one fan.” But Annie's devoted care quickly turns to unhinged rage when she discovers that his latest novel includes the death of Misery, her favorite character. Paul quickly realizes that he is in a fight for his life should he have any hopes of escape. Whether a newcomer to Stephen King's chilling tale or a devoted fan, this tense cat-and-mouse stage adaptation will grip you until the very end.

First published by King in 1987, *Misery* is a celebrated novel, film—featuring Kathy Bates, who won an Oscar for her performance as Annie Wilkes, and Broadway stage show. VA Rep's production is directed by Artistic Director, Rick Hammerly—and the cast features Richmond favorite Susan Sanford (VA Rep, Richmond Shakespeare) as Annie, Matt Meixler (D.C.'s No Rules Theatre Company) as Paul Sheldon, and Andrew Firda (Cadence Theatre, Richmond Triangle Players) as Sheriff Buster.

Misery opens Virginia Repertory Theatre's 2024-2025 season which features captivating dramas, family magic, and Broadway hit musicals. Following *Misery* in October, our Family Series at the Virginia Rep Center begins with the timely *Grace for President*. Then, through the Holiday season, bring the whole family for a musical for all ages—Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the November Theatre. In 2025, VA Rep continues with the sharply funny

Fat Ham, Broadway smash hit *Waitress*, the hilarious Sherlock Holmes mystery *Moriarty*, and more.

Misery tickets are on sale and available now at www.va-rep.org or by calling the box office at (804) 282-2620.

About Virginia Repertory Theatre

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Family Season at the Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, the Hanover Tavern Season, and the Theatre Gym Season which partners with three to four Richmond theatres each year. Virginia Rep also provides robust educational programming at the Virginia Rep Center and at schools throughout Central Virginia.