

ALLEY THEATRE

The Alley is Houston's theatre and we stand with the people of Houston, especially with the Black community, during this heartbreaking and challenging time.

I've always depended on the power of the theatre, the power of dialogue, to understand the human condition and to work through the problems that face us.

I'm reminded of a line from Chisa Hutchinson's upcoming world premiere *Amerikin* which, in addition to being a beautifully written, deeply empathetic play is also one of the most insightful plays about race I have ever read.

"I firmly believe in the power of understanding.
To understand something is to know how it works.
And once you know how it works, you have the power to disable it."

I look forward to the time when we can gather in the Theatre again. Meanwhile, we will continue to listen to, learn from, and lift you up. We expect to be held accountable for doing better to support people of color onstage, off, and in the community. We stand with Houston and the entire nation as we find a way to move forward together.



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