

ALLEY THEATRE

STATEMENTS FROM ALLEY STAFF

"I'm absolutely thrilled and convinced that Rob Melrose, an outstanding choice, will confidently propel the Alley forward into a fresh and exciting artistic era."

-James Black, Interim Artistic Director

"Rob Melrose is loved by all who know him. He has fascinatingly eclectic taste with a deep knowledge of the classics as well as a passion for new plays. I have known him for at least ten years, since I was the Literary Manager at The Public Theater in New York and he worked there as a director. We used to get coffee and chat about playwrights when he came to town from San Francisco. I so look forward to working closely with him now and supporting playwrights together here in Houston."

-Liz Frankel, Director of New Work

"I was impressed with Rob's knowledge and experience of theatre both nationally and internationally. His understanding of working for and within community was vast and I am excited to work with him exploring new and fresh ideas regarding our education and community efforts here at the Alley."

-Mary Sutton, Director of Education and Community Engagement

"Having seen Rob Melrose's work in both Minneapolis and San Francisco, it is clear that his commitment to his community, his craft, and his purpose is as strong and as inspired as any present-day arts leader. I am thrilled to have him join us at the Alley in Houston and lead us into a new echelon of quality of production and enterprise."

-Brandon Weinbrenner, Artistic Associate

"I'm overjoyed to work with Rob Melrose. His reputation for creating high-quality, collaborative, and creative theatre is most impressive. I'm sure Alley audiences will embrace his work as much as he will embrace the city of Houston."

-Rachel Applegate, Director of Marketing and Communications

"Rob Melrose comes to us with a diverse international theatrical background, has authored several translations of diverse classical productions, and has a strong background in work to foster the development of equity, diversity, and inclusion amongst our staff, productions, and audience. I am sure that Rob will be the start of a new era at the Alley Theatre ushering a future for us, rooted in the diversity of our work, and a vision for our part as leaders in the culture of the greater Houston theatre community."

-Jesus Pineda, Light Board Operator and Electrician, Staff Advocacy Committee