



MISERY

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PRESS RELEASE

Misery by Stephen King

7.45pm 23 – 25 April 2009

Bold Productions and Aberystwyth Arts Centre

Adapted by Simon Moore

Directed by Richard Hull

Bold Productions perform **Misery** at Aberystwyth Arts Centre from Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th April. This stunning adaptation of the Stephen King classic has all the tension of the original novel.

Best selling romantic fiction novelist Paul Sheldon retires each winter to the snow-covered hills of Colorado to write another work featuring his beautiful heroine Misery Chastain. Driving whilst inebriated, he encounters severe weather and his car goes off the road. Instead of awakening in hospital he comes to in a filthy dilapidated farmhouse, isolated from the outside world by the blizzard, occupied by the schizophrenic Annie, his 'Number One Fan'. She insists she will nurse him, refusing to tell anyone his whereabouts. His crushed legs mean he is virtually a prisoner, dependant on Annie for pain relief. When she discovers his new novel does not feature Misery she forces him to destroy the manuscript and write another. Thus begins Paul's descent into a living hell. Annie withholds pain relief, inflicts humiliation and degradation, forcing Paul, like Scheherazade, to write a new chapter every day simply to stay alive.

"It makes seats optional. The audience spent the evening on the edge of theirs."

Daily Express

Bold Productions is a professional touring company who work at Aberystwyth Arts Centre. Their productions are always rehearsed and premiere in Aberystwyth before moving to different venues throughout the UK, representing Aberystwyth Arts Centre's small scale professional touring.

"In this double bill, Richard Hull has directed an engaging and thought provoking piece of theatre. Nothing is said, but everything is suggested." *Theatre In Wales – Ashes To Ashes & Silence – Bold Productions 2008*

Tickets for this production are £7.50 (£6.50) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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