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World-class magic meets a human story of love and loss in the world premiere of *The Magic Play* by [Andrew Hinderaker](#) at [Goodman Theatre](#), October 21 - November 20. Critically acclaimed magician, illusion designer and actor [Brett Schneider](#) portrays a rising young magician who must take the stage just hours after his partner has left him. Though a good magician must always be in control of his show, The Magician's performance begins to unravel, illuminating his offstage life, which may be as fragile as a house of cards. BroadwayWorld has a first look at the cast in action below!

The part magic show, part play experience, directed by [Halena Kays](#), features an astonishing ending with the audience helping to shape the final moments of the play. Chicago favorite [Francis Guinan](#) (*The Father*) and [Sean Parris](#) (*The Diver*) round out the three-person cast.

To further blur the lines of reality and the various worlds of the play, the creative team blends elements of lighting, projection, set and aerial technique to evoke a sense of magic, mystery and spectacle. The team includes [Lizzie Bracken](#) (Set Designer), [Alison Siple](#) (Costume Designer), Maggie Fullilove-Nugent (Lighting Designer), [Christopher Kriz](#) (Sound Designer), [John Boesche](#) (Projection Designer), [Jim Steinmeyer](#) (Magic Designer) and Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi (Aerial Consultant). Kim Osgood is the Production Stage Manager.

The Magic Play, recommended for ages 13 and up, appears October 21 - November 20 in the Owen Theatre. Opening night is Tuesday, November 1. Tickets (\$10 - \$40; subject to change) are available at GoodmanTheatre.org/Magic, the box office (170 North Dearborn) or by phone at 312.443.3800.

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