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Aurora Theatre to celebrate 10th anniversary of *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*, November 25-December 23

True meaning of Christmas unfolds in spirited solo performance

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (October 13 2016) – A holiday classic fit for the entire family, ***Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*** returns to **Aurora Theatre** this holiday season, **November 25 –December 23**! The timeless tale of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge (Anthony Rodriguez) and his quest for forgiveness unfolds in an unforgettable journey of transformation through Christmas past, present and future. Deemed one of the greatest Christmas stories of all time, audiences of all ages will delight in the spirit of the season as they revisit the splendor of what makes this production a holiday tradition!

"Rodriguez's powerful one-man performance of *A Christmas Carol* is something that never loses its magic, no matter how many times you've seen it over the past decade," said Tony Brown, the shows adaptor and director. "It's his distinctive and personal interpretation, combined with the intimate, charming setting of the theater that stirs emotion in all of us to remember the importance of family, friends and the act of forgiveness."

Set in the late 1800s on a cold, dark Christmas Eve in London, *A Christmas Carol* transports audiences into the home of the troubled and resentful Scrooge on Aurora Theatre's Studio stage. With a heart that's been hardened throughout the years, Scrooge is visited by three ghosts – Christmas past, present and future – each with a specific story and lesson to share. As he travels through the spirit world and encounters forgotten memories and foreshadows of the future, he's forced to make certain choices about his life, including whether or not to embrace the joy of Christmas. Through mannerisms and voice alone, Rodriguez's spirited solo performance once again brings the characters of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Jacob Marley and the remarkable ghosts to life before audience's eyes! Five-time Suzi Bass Award-winning designers Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay will be creating an all new set for this holiday favorite.

Celebrating its 10th consecutive year, ***Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*** is presented **November 25-December 23**. Tickets range from \$20-\$30 and can be purchased online at tickets.auroratheatre.com.

Regular show times, in repertory with ***The 12 Dates of Christmas***, are as follows:

- Wednesday- Friday: 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Sunday: 2:30 p.m.

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Under the artistic leadership of Co-Founders and Artistic Directors Anthony Rodriguez and Ann-Carol Pence, now in its 21st Season, Aurora Theatre produces professional live entertainment to suit everyone's taste. Aurora Theatre is home to over 650 events each year. Two series of theatrical productions, the Peach State Federal Credit Union Signature Series and the GGC Harvel Lab Series, are comprised of the biggest Broadway plays and musicals alongside exciting contemporary theatre. Additionally, Aurora produces concerts, stand-up comedy, children's programs, metro Atlanta's top haunted attraction Lawrenceville Ghost Tours, as well as Atlanta's only professional Spanish language theatre, Teatro Aurora. Aurora Theatre is a world class theatrical facility with two performance venues. Nestled on the square in historic downtown Lawrenceville, Aurora has FREE attached covered parking and is surrounded by restaurants and shops. Aurora Theatre has garnered numerous accolades highlighted by recent achievements that include winner of five 2015 Suzi Bass Awards, Creative Loafing's "2010 Best Theatre Company," Georgia Trend Magazine's "2011 Best Places to Work in Georgia," Atlanta Business Chronicle's "2012 Best Places to Work", Atlanta Magazine's "Best of Atlanta 2013", Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 2014 President and CEO Award for Excellence in Arts, and Gwinnett Chamber's 2015 IMPACT Regional Business Award for Hospitality.