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**Aurora Theatre rings in holidays with Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, November 24-December 23***Mesmerizing solo performance returns for 11th consecutive year to recount meaning of Christmas*

**LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (October 26, 2017)** – Captivating patrons young and old, ***Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*** will bring the true meaning of Christmas to **Aurora Theatre, November 24-December 23**! The entire family can prepare for another year of seasonal sensations with the return of this Christmas classic, now in its 11th year. Follow cold-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge (Anthony Rodriguez) as he undergoes recognition, realization and remission while journeying through the past, present and future of Christmas. Audiences will revel in the spirited truth that unfolds within this timeless tale, commonly recognized as the greatest Christmas story to date!

"Anthony's (Rodriguez) one-man performance of *A Christmas Carol* becomes richer, deeper and more personal each year," said Tony Brown, the show's adapter and director. "With finely tuned vocal inflections and his specific and character-evoking physical mannerisms, he brings each character in this classic tale to life with a remarkable blend of power and sensitivity. His Scrooge in particular reminds us of the power of forgiveness and the possibility of the renewal of our spirits, particularly at this holiday season, and encourages us to take those gifts to heart long after we've left the theater."

Featuring the work of multiple Suzi Award-winning set designers Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay and costumes by designer Alan Yeong, ***A Christmas Carol*** returns to Aurora Theatre for the enjoyment of all ages. Starring Anthony Rodriguez for the 11th consecutive year, the classic characters of Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Jacob Marley and the remarkable ghosts are brought to life in the audience-aweing performance. Guests can watch the troubled and resentful Scrooge transform as he encounters the three ghosts of Christmas, recalls forgotten memories and is forced to make life-altering decisions. The stone-cold Ebenezer Scrooge is acquainted with lessons and stories specific to each ghost, which may or may not lead him to embrace the joy of Christmas. This one-man version of the traditional tale will impress theatergoers in an incredibly personal and uplifting light this holiday season!

Celebrating its 11th successive year, ***Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*** is presented **Wednesdays through Sundays** on **Aurora Theatre's** studio stage, **November 24-December 23**. Tickets range from \$20-\$30 and can be purchased online at [tickets.auroratheatre.com](http://tickets.auroratheatre.com) or by calling the **Box Office** at **678-226-6222**.

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

- November 24, December 2, 6, 8, 14, 16, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m.
- November 25, December 3, 9, 17, and 23 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets for programming, call the **Box Office** at **678.226.6222** or visit [www.auroratheatre.com](http://www.auroratheatre.com).

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*Under the artistic leadership of Co-Founders and Artistic Directors Anthony Rodriguez and Ann-Carol Pence, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> Season, Aurora Theatre produces professional live entertainment to suit everyone's taste. Aurora Theatre is home to over 750 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 a 2016 Governor's Award for the Arts & Humanities, winner of seven 2016 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 .*