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Aurora Theatre offers endless festive fun with November programming

Theater patrons of all ages invited to Lawrenceville for Latin musicals, holiday activities and more!

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (October 30, 2017) – With crisp autumn air and family gatherings aplenty, **Aurora Theatre** extends fall fun with holiday festivities this Thanksgiving season! Theatergoers are welcomed to enjoy Latin American entertainment and themed performances with **Teatro Aurora's CLUB BABALÚ** series. Aspiring thespians can delight in **Aurora Theatre Academy's 2017 Holiday Play Class** throughout the month, while preparing to wow audiences and steal the limelight! Guests are invited to spread the holiday cheer by supporting the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive and local food banks with a gift under a decorated tree during Aurora Theatre's **Festival of Trees** and spread joy by nominating someone special for Aurora's **Need a Little Christmas Giveaway**. With a variety of holiday happenings at Aurora Theatre this month, there's something for everyone to reap a harvest of fun!

Special November Programming

Teatro Aurora

Aurora Theatre is the only theater in the region with Spanish language productions, offering diverse community engagements and education. Shows are produced and performed in Spanish with English subtitles, in an effort to marry the arts with local Latin American culture. For more information and ticket purchase, please visit bitly.com/TeatroAurora.

CLUB BABALÚ: Clásicos

Saturday, November 4 at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

From jaw-dropping vocal performances accompanied by Frankie Quiñones and the ATL Salsa All-Stars to Latin musicians leading a salsa dancing party, Teatro Aurora's Club Babalu is a musical experience to never be forgotten!

Clásicos

As Latin America's most elegant music, El Bolero will ignite the cultural series with this stellar performance! *Clásicos* is comprised of iconic female artists of the 1950's and 60's including La Lupe, Mercedes Sosa, Myrta Silva and Celia Cruz, to bring the music to life. Lillianguina Quiñones will guide the audience through the night with a cabaret-style performance filled to the rim with emotion and romance. Guests will be immersed in the beautiful Spanish ballad and delight in hip swinging songs! For more information or ticket purchase, please visit bitly.com/ClubBabaluClasicos.

Aurora Theatre Academy

As Gwinnett County's premier destination for practicing and studying the arts, Aurora Theatre Academy guarantees students the ultimate experience for learning the ropes and tapping into their creativity. Classes are offered for all ages and led by some of the region's best working professionals. For more information and registration, please visit bitly.com/AuroraTheatreAcademy.

2017 Holiday Play Class

For Elementary through High School Students

Mondays and Wednesdays from November 8-December 5

5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Tuition: \$250

Now in its sixth year, the Holiday Play Class returns for young thespians to fulfill their acting aspirations! Auditions will begin on the first day of class where all students will be cast in a role. Due to only one month of rehearsals and two performances set to stage on December 5, students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances. There will be no class on Wednesday, November 22 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. For more information or registration, please visit bitly.com/HolidayPlayClass.

What ever happened to Christmas Adam?

Written and directed by Julia Steudle

Tuesday, December 5

6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets \$5

Even though the holidays follow the oh-so-scrumptious Turkey Day, holiday spirit seems to take over far before the end of November. Could there be a reason for celebrating the season so soon? Join Aurora's young thespians in journeying through the possibilities of what sparked the raving Christmas spirit! With the help of fan-favorite characters and a yearning for learning, light will be shed on the source of holiday spirit with this fun production. For ticket purchase, please visit bit.ly/ATChristmasAdam.

Aurora Theatre: The Festival of Trees

November 13-December 23

Open during regular box office hours and during performances

FREE!

To ensure that everyone has a heart-warming holiday season, Aurora Theatre's Festival of Trees invites patrons to support the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive and local food banks. The Festival of Trees will deck the halls of Aurora Theatre's lobby for the holiday season with almost 30 trees decorated by local businesses. From the whimsically clever to the breathtakingly spectacular, guests can enjoy a wide array of decorated trees as they enjoy a seasonal show. Patrons can vote on a winner by placing a new unwrapped toy and/or a non-perishable food item under their favorite tree. Whichever tree acquires the most donations by December 23 will be declared The Best of the Fest!

Need a Little Christmas Giveaway

Join Aurora Theatre in spreading joy this holiday season! For friends that can't catch a break, are enduring personal trials and tribulations or simply could use some extra cheer this time of year, guests can nominate friends and loved ones for the Need a Little Christmas Giveaway. Grand prize winners will receive a family four-pack of tickets to Aurora Theatre's 22nd annual *Christmas Canteen* and a gift certificate for dinner on the Lawrenceville Square. Runners-up will receive tickets to an Aurora Children's Playhouse show in December 2017, *A Christmas Carol* or *The 12 Dates of Christmas*. All nominations are due by December 1 and stories submitted on nomination forms may be used to promote the giveaway. In the spirit of giving to others for the holidays, guests cannot nominate themselves. For questions regarding the giveaway, please email Aurora Theatre's Box Office Manager Jennifer Owens at jennifer@auroratheatre.com. For nominations or more information, please visit bitly.com/NeedALittleChristmas.

Continuing in November...

Christmas Canteen 2017

Co-directed by Jen MacQueen and Anthony Rodriguez

November 16-December 23

The stunning musical revue celebrates its 22nd anniversary as Gwinnett's longest-running theatrical holiday tradition, wowing audience members year after year with joyous musical numbers and hysterical comedy – all the ingredients for a very merry Christmas! Additional matinee shows will be offered on Tuesday, December 5, 12 and 19 at 10 a.m. Regular tickets range from \$30-\$65 and may be purchased online at tickets.auroratheatre.com.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

Directed by Tony Brown

November 24-December 23

Follow the transformation of a troubled and resentful Scrooge 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! Tickets range from \$20-\$30 and can be purchased online at tickets.auroratheatre.com.

12 Dates of Christmas

By Ginna Hoben

Directed by Megan Rose-Houchins

November 25-December 23

From American Shakespeare Center's Ginna Hoben and under the direction of Megan Rose-Houchins, the holiday comedy ***The 12 Dates of Christmas*** tells the tale of a betrayed yet persistent woman, eager to shine in the winter wonderland of dating. Mary's life unravels after seeing her fiancé, live on national television, plant one wet kiss on another woman. Very determined, she spends the next year trudging her way back into dating with set ups, hook ups and let downs to test her confidence. Tickets range from \$20-\$30 and may be purchased online at tickets.auroratheatre.com.

For more information or to purchase tickets for events, call the **Box Office** at **678.226.6222** or visit 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 22nd 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 .