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Aurora Theatre holiday classic “The 12 Dates of Christmas,” returns November 26-December 23
Aurora Education Coordinator Renita James to star in delicious one-woman show

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (October 25, 2016) – Celebrate the holiday season with **Aurora Theatre’s** annual tradition “**The 12 Dates of Christmas,**” lighting up Lawrenceville **November 26 – December 23!** The spirited production will provide laughter aplenty, as audiences are swept away on a whirlwind adventure into the mishaps of one woman’s attempt to get her jingle back in the wonderful world of dating. Written by American Shakespeare Center’s Ginna Hoben, the delicious one-woman show will make spirits bright with its festive bundle of laugh-out-loud entertainment!

“**The 12 Dates of Christmas**” will star Aurora Theatre Education Coordinator and Apprentice Company graduate Renita James as Mary, the unlucky woman who sees her fiancé kiss someone else while watching the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade on TV. Over the next year, she’s set up, hooked up, strung up and fed up as she reluctantly stumbles back into the dating scene. Will she find Mr. Right in the New Year, or will single be her new style? Teens and adults are invited to find out during the limited four-week engagement.

“The beauty of ‘The 12 Dates of Christmas’ is that it gives a whole new meaning to ‘holiday classic’ with its one-liners, quips and knee-slapping humor,” said Megan Houchins, Director. “It’s a show that is meant to be a little crude, very relatable, always funny and, at times, touching. With a new set, director and leading lady, we will bring a fresh take on the show, so even if you have seen it before, you will want to see it again!”

Led by Producing Artistic Director Anthony Rodriguez, the talented design team consists of the award-winning duo Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay (Set), James M. Helms (Lights), Daniel Terry (Sound/Technical director) and Sarah Thomson (Scenic Artist).

“**The 12 Dates of Christmas**” is presented in Aurora Theatre’s Peach State Federal Credit Union Studio **November 26-December 23**. Tickets range from \$20-\$30 and can be purchased online at **tickets.auroratheatre.com** or by calling the Box Office at 678-226-6222.

Regular show times, in repertory with **A Christmas Carol**, 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 a 2016 Governor’s Award for the Arts & Humanities, 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 .