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Holiday hit comedy *The 12 Dates of Christmas* to play Aurora Theatre, November 25-December 23

Lighthearted one-woman show returns to downtown Lawrenceville

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (November 1, 2017) – Theatergoers are invited to kick off the holiday season with festive cheer during **Aurora Theatre's** annual comedy hit ***The 12 Dates of Christmas, November 25-December 23!*** Despite many mishaps thrown her way, Mary is eager to shine in the winter wonderland of dating. Audiences are invited to follow the hilarious attempts of one betrayed yet persistent woman, to see if she sticks out the single life or finds lasting love. This limited four-week engagement will ensure spirits remain high the whole month long!

The sidesplitting holiday comedy ***The 12 Dates of Christmas*** stars Renita James, Aurora Theatre's Education Coordinator, as Mary for the second year in a row. Hysterical laughter will fill the theater with this contemporary take on the holiday season. Audiences will watch Mary's life unravel 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. Teens and adults are invited to enjoy this hysterical one-woman show to find out if Mary settles for single or finds the man of her dreams.

"*The 12 Dates of Christmas* stands out as a holiday show in that it is simultaneously relatable and moving while keeping the audience cracking up," said Megan Rose-Houchins, director of *The 12 Dates of Christmas*. "It revolves around a topic that everyone can connect to in a way that is appropriately crude and overwhelmingly funny. Starring a magical performer and filled with witty one-liners, it's a show that never grows old!"

Written by American Shakespeare Center's Ginna Hoben and directed by the talented Megan Rose-Houchins, Aurora Theatre's funniest holiday tradition is back! This annual tradition is decked in full glory by the creative talents of Production Manager Daniel Pope on lights and sound, Andrew O'Neal as technical director, Sarah Thompson as scenic artist and multiple Suzi Award-winning duo Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay on sets.

The 12 Dates of Christmas is presented on **Aurora Theatre's** studio stage **November 25-December 23, Wednesdays through Sundays**. 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:

- November 25, December 1, 7, 9, 13, 15, 21, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m.
- November 26, December 2, 10 and 16 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.

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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 .