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**AURORA THEATRE COMPANY EXTENDS
JONATHAN'S SPECTOR'S EUREKA DAY THROUGH
MAY 20, 2018**

Berkeley, CA (May 1, 2018) -- Aurora Theatre Company will add seven performances to its world premiere commission of **EUREKA DAY** by Jonathan Spector.

EUREKA DAY, which opened April 19, **now plays through May 20** (added performances **Tuesday, May 15 at 7 pm, Wednesday, May 16 at 7 pm, Thursday, May 17, at 8 pm, Friday, May 18, at 8 pm, Saturday, May 19, at 8 pm, Sunday, May 20 at 2 pm and 7 pm**) on Aurora's main stage. For tickets and information the public can call **510-843-4822** or visit **auroratheatre.org**.

Critics acclaim **EUREKA DAY**. "Jonathan Spector's play is so crisply defined that you might have to periodically remind yourself that you haven't already met these characters in real life," said Lily Janiak in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "Keenly observed... comedy[that] hits awfully, gut-churningly close to home," said Sam Hurwitt in *East Bay Times*.

Josh Costello (*Detroit, Wittenberg, The Heir Apparent*) directs this comedy of liberal manners set in a Berkeley private school, where a debate over child vaccinations hits home as the school community confronts the central question of our era: how do you find consensus when you can't

agree on the facts?

Aurora's Originate+Generate (O+G) program commissioned **EUREKA DAY** from Spector, an Oakland-based playwright and two-time Aurora Global Age Project-winner. O+G focuses primarily on developing new work for the Aurora stages, putting an emphasis on supporting local theater makers.

Spector's plays include *Good. Better. Best. Bested.*, *This Much I Know*, *Adult Swim*, and *In From The Cold*. He is a resident playwright at Playwrights' Foundation and co-artistic director of the Berkeley-based Just Theatre.

Josh Costello directs this incisive new work that is funny, poignant, and oh-so-Berkeley. Literary manager and artistic associate at Aurora Theatre Company, he received the Theatre Bay Area Award for Outstanding Direction for the world premiere of *Ideation* by Aaron Loeb at San Francisco Playhouse, which was named a New York Times Critics Pick when it transferred to 59E59 in New York.

Costello has assembled a cast of Bay Area favorites: **Elizabeth Carter** (*Trouble In Mind*, *Wittenberg*), **Charisse Loriaux** (*Trojan Woman*, *Posing for Gauguin*), **Lisa Anne Porter**, **Rolf Saxon** (*After the Revolution*, *Talley's Folly*), and **Teddy Spencer** (*After the Revolution*, *Talley's Folly*). Creative team includes: **Teddy Hulsker**--sound/video design; **Richard Olmsted**--set design; **Jeff Rowlings**--lighting design; **Maggie Whitaker**--costume design.

CALENDAR EDITORS

Aurora Theatre Company adds seven performances to its commission of **EUREKA DAY** by Oakland-based playwright **Jonathan Spector**. Set in a Berkeley private day school, a debate over child vaccinations hits home in this comedy of liberal manners as the school community confronts the central question of our era: how do you find consensus when you can't agree on the facts?

Josh Costello (*Detroit*, *Wittenberg*, *The Heir Apparent*) directs this incisive new work that is funny, poignant, and oh-so-Berkeley. The stellar cast includes **Elizabeth Carter**, **Charisse Loriaux**, **Lisa Anne Porter**, **Rolf Saxon**, and **Teddy Spencer**.

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WHERE:

Aurora's mainstage at the Aurora Theatre Company, 2081 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA.

TICKETS:

For single tickets (\$33-\$65) or subscriptions (\$99-\$360), the public can call **(510) 843-4822** or visit **auroratheatre.org**. Half-off tickets for Under 35; student, and group discounts available.

PHOTOS:

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