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AURORA THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS
CARYL CHURCHILL'S
A NUMBER

March 9 - May 6, 2018 (Opens: March 15)

BERKELEY, Calif. (Jan. 16, 2018) — Aurora Theatre Company presents the West End hit **A NUMBER** by influential British playwright Caryl Churchill with Barbara Damashek to direct. Set in the near future, the play explores human cloning, personal identity and the age-old debate of nature versus nurture.

A NUMBER plays **March 9 through May 6, opening March 15**, in Aurora's second stage performance space, Harry's UpStage, located in the Nell and Jules Dashow Wing.

The always inventive Churchill (*Escaped Alone, Love and Information, Cloud Nine, Top Girls, Far Away, Bliss, Drunk Enough to Say I Love You?*) wrote **A NUMBER** during a period of intense public debate about the ethics of human cloning.

The play delves into the issue through the relationships between an aging father and his three adult sons; the second and third a clone of the first. When son Bernard discovers that he's not the only Bernard, a series of questions ensue that will take him and his father on a compelling psychological journey.

Barbara Damashek (*Splendour, American Buffalo, Fat Pig*) directs this unsettling study of family, identity and guilt that features, in his Aurora debut, **Joseph O'Malley** (Kennedy Center,

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Guthrie Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Cal Shakes), and **Paul Vincent O'Connor** (*American Buffalo, Death Defying Acts*).

Raising big ethical issues while exploring personal identity and second chances, **A NUMBER** had its world premiere in 2002 at London's Royal Court Theatre. *The Evening Standard* called the work an "An astonishing event." Said *The Daily Telegraph*: "...tremendous, moving, thought-provoking and dramatically thrilling."

DATES

Previews: March 9 - March 14. March 9, March 10 at 8 pm. March 11 at 2 pm and 7 pm. March 13 and 14 at 7 pm.

Opens: March 15 at 8 pm

Closes: May 6

SHOWS

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 pm; Thursday through Saturday at 8 pm. Sunday at 2 & 7 pm.

WHERE

Aurora Theatre Company, 2081 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA

PRESS

Please do not reply to this media advisory for review tickets.

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. Pay-what-you-can previews: PWYC tickets available 30 minutes before curtain. **Cash only.** Subject to availability.

PHOTOS:

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