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AURORA THEATRE COMPANY EXTENDS GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S WIDOWERS' HOUSES THROUGH MARCH 4, 2018

January 26 - March 4, 2018 (Opens: February 1)

BERKELEY, Calif. (Jan. 18, 2018) – In response to popular demand and early sales, Aurora Theatre Company will add an additional seven performances to its production of George Bernard Shaw's crackling comic satire **WIDOWERS' HOUSES**.

WIDOWERS' HOUSES now plays through March 4 (added performances Feb. 27-28 at 7 pm; March 1-3 at 8 pm, and Sunday, March 4, at 2 and 7 pm) at the Aurora Theatre Company in Berkeley. For tickets and information the public can call 510-843-4822 or visit <u>auroratheatre.org</u>.

With colorful villains and foils to offset a romantic duo, Shaw's take on gentrification, rent prices, and social responsibility is as timely today as at its 1892 London premiere.

Director and actor **Joy Carlin** directs this rarely staged gem that features **Dan Hoyle** (Public Theatre, The Marsh, Berkeley Rep), a two-time finalist for Aurora's Global Age Project (GAP), in his Aurora acting debut; **Warren David Keith** (*The First Grade*); **Sarah Mitchell** (*After The Revolution*); **Michael Gene Sullivan** (*Satellites*); **Howard Swain** (*Body Awareness*); and **Megan Trout** (*A Bright New Boise*). The creative team of **WIDOWERS' HOUSES** includes **Kent Dorsey**+--sets & lights; **Callie Floor**+--costumes; and **Chris Houston**--sound.

Aurora's initial production of **WIDOWERS' HOUSES** in 1997 drew critical acclaim. Said the *San Francisco Chronicle*: "Widowers' Houses develops with a compelling directness in both its political argument and its emotional drama." The *East Bay Express* noted, "A ticket to Widowers' Houses is the perfect gift for that hard-to-please capitalist on your list." The *Oakland Tribune* called it "A smashing satire."

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DATES:

Previews: January 26-31. Jan. 26, 27 at 8pm; Jan. 28 at 2pm. Jan. 30, 31 at 7pm.

NO PERFORMANCE JANUARY 28 AT 7PM

Opens: February 1 @ 8pm

Closes: March 4

SHOWS:

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

WHERE:

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

PHOTOS:

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