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**AURORA THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S
TIMELESS CLASSIC
WIDOWERS' HOUSES**

January 26 - Feb. 25, 2018 (Opens: February 1)

BERKELEY, Calif. (Dec. 6, 2017) – Aurora Theatre Company presents George Bernard Shaw's crackling comic satire **WIDOWERS' HOUSES** directed by Joy Carlin. 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.

WIDOWERS' HOUSES plays January 26 through February 25 at the Aurora Theatre in Berkeley.

No one is innocent of the excesses of capitalism in this classic work that launched Shaw's career as a playwright. When Harry Trench, a well-intentioned young doctor, falls in love with hot-tempered Blanche Sartorius, he never suspects that his prospective father-in-law's fortune is derived from ruthless schemes to exploit the poor. Can the young lovers' passion survive this fall from innocence?

Joy Carlin directs this rarely staged gem that features Dan Hoyle, a two-times finalist for Aurora's Global Age Project, in his Aurora debut (Public Theatre, Berkeley Rep); 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; **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 *Contra Costa Times* hailed the production as "an elegantly spun morality tale" and the *Oakland Tribune* called it "A smashing satire."

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: February 25

SHOWS:

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

WHERE:

Aurora Theatre Company, 2081 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA

PRESS:

Please do not reply to this media advisory for opening review tickets. Press invitations to selected media organizations will be emailed by mid-January.

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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