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The Aurora Fox Arts Center Announces Its 32nd Season, October 2016 – May 2017

Five Stirring Productions Examining 'Life on the Margins of Polite Society'

AURORA, Colo. – The Aurora Fox Arts Center announces its 2016-2017 season, *Life on the Margins of Polite Society*, a series of performances running October 2016 through May 2017. Season subscriptions are now on sale at aurorafoxartscenter.org or by calling the box office at 303.739.1970. The Aurora Fox is located at 9900 East Colfax, Aurora, Colo.

“We have all established norms that let us feel comfortable with each other, protecting and reinforcing our way of life,” said Charles Packard, Aurora Fox executive producer. “The Fox’s 32nd season will encourage us to deliberately engage our own margins and view the world from a different place—outside of the margins of ‘polite society’—and come to better know ourselves and to soften, blur, invite, accept and achieve a far more ‘polite society’.”

The 2016-2017 productions include:

“Dracula”

October 7-November 6, 2016

Music by Frank Wildhorn

Book and lyrics by Don Black and Christopher Hampton

Conceived by Don Black, Christopher Hampton and Frank Wildhorn

On the Aurora Fox Mainstage

“Dracula” is a thrilling drama of suspense and a Gothic romance set in Europe at the end of the Victorian Age. The story follows the famed vampire as he lusts for new blood. Jonathan Harker and Mina Murray fall victim to Dracula's unnatural charm, and along with Doctor Van Helsing, must fight Dracula's supernatural powers. “Dracula” will enthrall audiences with its powerful score and its potential for bringing the undead to life in this haunting musical of unrequited love.

“The Gershwins' “Porgy and Bess”

November 25, 2016-January 1, 2017

By George Gershwin, Dubose and Dorothy Heyward and Ira Gershwin

Book adapted by Suzan-Lori Parks

Musical score adapted by Dierdre L. Murray

On the Aurora Fox Mainstage

This operatic adaptation of Heyward's play “Porgy and Bess” follows the lives of the inhabitants of Catfish Row, an African-American section of Charleston, South Carolina. The show follows the crippled Porgy and his beloved Bess, who is under the thrall of the dangerous Crown and the sinewy drug dealer Sportin' Life.

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“Myth” (World Premiere)

January 20-February 19, 2017

By Charles Wefso

In the Aurora Fox Studio Theatre

Jason's small campfire and video camera strain to penetrate the darkness of the remote woods outside of Yellow Knife, Canada. He is doggedly searching for the definitive proof of an undiscovered species that he is certain exists, and must exist in this place.

“Chinglish” (Regional Premiere)

March 24-April 9, 2017

By David Henry Hwang

On the Aurora Fox Mainstage

A hilarious comedy about the challenges of doing business in a country where the language and underlying cultural assumptions can be worlds apart from those of the West. The play tells the adventures of Daniel, a businessman from the Midwest, who hopes to establish his family's sign-making business in China. Through a comic exchange, he learns what is lost and found in translation.

“Priscilla, Queen of the Desert” (Regional Premiere)

April 21-May 28, 2017

Book by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott

Arranged by Stephen "Spud" Murphy

On the Aurora Fox Mainstage

Based on the popular 1994 film of the same name, “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert” follows two drag queens and a transsexual who buy a run-down bus called Priscilla and set out on a road trip across the Australian outback. During their journey, the trio encounters an array of Australian citizens, some of whom aren't receptive to their lifestyle, but they persevere, while strengthening their own friendships.

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About the Aurora Fox Arts Center

The Aurora Fox Arts Center is a public service of the city of Aurora under the Library and Cultural Services Department. Built in 1945 as a movie theater, the Aurora Fox was purchased by the city of Aurora in 1983, and completely renovated and reopened in 1985. 2016 marks its 32nd season.

