Atlanta Shakespeare Company to Present Sensory Friendly Performance of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

December 5th matinee performance at The Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse will provide audience members with autism spectrum disorder or other sensory-related concerns with an opportunity to see The Christmas Carol performed with adjusted sounds and lights to accommodate audience needs.

Atlanta, GA (PRWEB) November 23, 2015 -- The Atlanta Shakespeare Company will offer a sensory-friendly matinee performance of The Christmas Carol at 2pm on December 5, 2015 at the Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia. The performance will be open to all members of the public but will be designed to make the experience of attending a theatrical production more manageable and enjoyable for audience members with autism spectrum disorder or other sensory-related issues.

Before they arrive for the show, audience members will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with what every step of their journey from the parking lot to inside the theater will look like by viewing “Our Social Story” on the Atlanta Shakespeare Company’s website: http://www.shakespearetavern.com/index.php/news/show/asc_presents_a_sensory_friendly_performance_of_a_christmas_carol_dec_5.

Before the performance, the actors will introduce themselves, emphasize that the events of the play are fictional, and show some of the costumes and musical instruments that will be used in the production. During the show, house lights will be kept on at a low level and the performance will feature a reduction in sound volume. Audience members will be free to move about the theater, change seats, make noise, and use electronic devices as needed, and a separate quiet room will be available throughout the performance. Trained staff members will be available to provide any assistance needed by audience members.

The performance reflects the Atlanta Shakespeare Company’s commitment to making theater available for all audiences, as Artistic Director Jeff Watkins explains: “The Atlanta Shakespeare is mission-driven to make our work as accessible as possible. This includes everybody; just because someone is differently abled is no reason not to do all we can to make these programs available.”

About the Atlanta Shakespeare Company at the Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse
The Atlanta Shakespeare Company’s Education programs provide opportunities for students, educators and parents throughout Georgia and the Southeast to experience the power of Shakespeare’s language and dramatic vision through the play, passion, poetry, active participation and performance using dynamic, language-based methods. ASC Education serves students from K-12 grades in fifty-four Georgia counties and six southern states with matinees in Atlanta, touring productions, workshops, residencies and other classroom programs as well as offering professional training to emerging artists at the Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse. The Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse is Atlanta’s only professional Equity theater company producing the works of William Shakespeare and select classic modern plays throughout the year, in an Elizabethan Globe-inspired playhouse on Peachtree Street in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. This past year the Atlanta Shakespeare Company reached a total of over 20,000 students and 30,000 adults.

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