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BERKELEY REP UNWRAPS *ENNIO* AS FAMILY GIFT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

14 performances only of the “international origami hit” and “one-man cartoon factory”

OCTOBER 27, 2008 – This year, Berkeley Repertory Theatre unwraps a special show for the holidays by giving local families the gift of *Ennio*. The international origami sensation returns for a limited engagement of only 14 performances from December 20 to December 31 – including a **special matinee on Christmas Eve and a 9:00 PM performance on New Year’s Eve** featuring free champagne (or milk and cookies). Direct from London’s Royal Festival Hall, it’s a holiday show that features all new seasonal characters created with Ennio’s usual outrageous charm. So reserve seats now for this uproarious tour de force, written and performed by **Ennio Marchetto** and directed by **Sosthen Hennekam**. Berkeley Rep presents *Ennio* in association with Glynis Henderson Productions and Jonathan Reinis Productions.

Known as the “one-man cartoon factory” and “the human paper-doll,” Ennio turns the art of origami into theatrical magic. Don’t miss the original quick-change artist as he races through **50 costumes in only 70 minutes**, lampooning politicians, celebrities, and historical figures in a presentation that’s part commedia dell’arte, part Disney, and all fun. Accompanied by non-stop music, he creates caricatures of pop-culture icons ranging from Marilyn Monroe to Marilyn Manson, stopping along the way to see Whitney Houston, Wonder Woman, and more. Plus, at this special edition of his show, Ennio becomes a snowman, a Christmas tree, and other holiday icons.

A worldwide hit, Ennio receives raves wherever he goes... “**An absolute hoot,**” exclaims the *New York Times*. “A sustained hour of heaven from an entertainer touched by genius... This is performance at its crazy, creative, unfettered best,” *Time Out London* proclaims, while the *Los Angeles Times* asserts, “Watching Ennio transform himself into a gallery of celebrities, objects, and historical icons is like being transported to an alternate reality where all things are possible.” *Variety* reports that Ennio “has the audience rolling in the aisles” – and the *Village Voice* sums it up best by saying simply, “Run to see it!”

Ennio Marchetto is a world-renowned, award-winning comedian who has created his own theatrical language which mixes mime, dance, music, and costumes created from cardboard and paper. A native of Venice, he worked in the family business repairing espresso machines until the annual Carnevale inspired him to explore his talent for inventing outfits and masks. His hit show debuted at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and has toured the globe for the past 18 years. Ennio has performed in over 70 countries on six continents, entertaining more than a million people. His repertoire now includes more than 300 characters, from Madonna and the Mona Lisa to Fidel Castro and Snow White. He comes to California after an autumn tour of Greece, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Don’t miss *Ennio* at Berkeley Rep! The Roda Theatre is located at 2015 Addison Street, near bus lines, bike routes, and parking lots – and only half a block from BART. **Tickets** for *Ennio* start at only \$20 and are on sale now. All seats are half-price for those under 18 years of age, and discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 510.647.2949 or 888.4.BRT.Tix (toll-free) – or simply click berkeleyrep.org.

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ENNIO
FACT SHEET

WHO: Written and performed by Ennio Marchetto
Directed by Sosthen Hennekam
Costume design by Sosthen Hennekam and Ennio Marchetto

WHAT: *Ennio*
Hilarious family fun in an award-winning show that stars the human paper-doll

WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Roda Theatre
2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Downtown Berkeley

WHEN: 14 performances only at the end of December...

SUN	MON	TUE ■	WED	THU ■	FRI	SAT
						20 DEC 2 & 8pm
21 2 & 7pm	22	23 8pm	24 2pm	25	26 8pm	27 2 & 8pm
28 2 & 7pm	29	30 8pm	31 6 & 9pm			

- Saturday, December 20 @ 2 PM & 8 PM
- Sunday, December 21 @ 2 PM & 7 PM
- Tuesday, December 23 @ 8 PM
- Wednesday, December 24 @ 2 PM
- Friday, December 26 @ 8 PM
- Saturday, December 27 @ 2 PM & 8 PM
- Sunday, December 28 @ 2 PM & 7 PM
- Tuesday, December 30 @ 8 PM
- Wednesday, December 31 @ 6 PM & 9 PM *

* Patrons at the 9 PM show on New Year's Eve will enjoy free champagne (or milk and cookies) before the show – and still get home well before midnight!

HOW MUCH: \$10 – \$55, as follows...

	Section B	Section A	Premium
Preview (Saturday 12/20 @ 2 PM).....	\$20	\$25	\$35
New Year's Eve (Wednesday 12/31 @ 9 PM)*...	\$35	\$45	\$55
All other performances	\$25	\$35	\$45

All seats are half-price for anyone under 18 years of age!

For group discounts, contact 510.647.2918 or groups@berkeleyrep.org.

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