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BERKELEY REP EXTENDS MAGICAL PRODUCTION OF *AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO*

Five performances added due to popular demand – Must close January 31!

JANUARY 11, 2010 – Even as it celebrates its success on Broadway, Berkeley Repertory Theatre has another hit here at home. The Tony Award-winning nonprofit just announced that it is extending the run of *Aurélia's Oratorio*. Five performances have been added, but purchase tickets now because this magical show must close on January 31.

The new schedule is as follows:

- Tue 1/12 @ 8 PM
- Thu 1/14 @ 2 PM & 8 PM
- Fri 1/15 @ 8 PM
- Sat 1/16 @ 8 PM
- Sun 1/17 @ 2 PM & 7 PM
- Tue 1/19 @ 8 PM
- Wed 1/20 @ 7 PM
- Thu 1/21 @ 8 PM
- Fri 1/22 @ 8 PM
- Sat 1/23 @ 2 PM & 8 PM
- Sun 1/24 @ 7 PM
- Thu 1/28 @ 8 PM
- Fri 1/29 @ 8 PM
- Sat 1/30 @ 2 PM & 8 PM
- Sun 1/31 @ 2 PM

The critics love Aurélia! “She does wonder wonderfully,” gushes the *London Guardian*. “She balances whimsy and wit, childlike wonder and adult élan, throughout her quietly magical show,” says the *Boston Globe*. “Her grace, her inventive and fluid movement, and above all her humor simply invite our delight.” It’s “an absolute spellbinder,” declares the UK’s *Daily Telegraph*. “Like most vivid reveries, it momentarily colors the way you see the waking world.”

“Wildly innovative,” raves the *San Jose Mercury News*. “Don’t let the high-flying French titles hold you back, *Aurélia's Oratorio* is an effervescent blend of hilarious innovation and old-fashioned knock-your-socks-off entertainment.” “*Aurélia's Oratorio* combines the best of mime, acrobatics, dance, and design, to create a circuitous, circus revel guaranteed to transport and to charm,” adds the *SF Bay Guardian*. But perhaps the *San Francisco Chronicle* sums it up best when it asserts, “Aurélia Thierrée a charismatic and multitalented performer who practically defines the word beguiling, and versatile dancer Jaime Martinez turn everyday expectations upside-down in a 70-minute comically surreal dreamscape that blends vaudeville, circus skills, dance, aerial acrobatics, puppetry, and endless illusions... The show is like a beautiful stocking stuffed with one surprising gift after another.”

In *Aurélia's Oratorio*, the impossible happens before your eyes. Aurélia Thierrée literally grew up in the circus and has charmed audiences around the world with this dazzling display of stage illusion. Behind her velvet curtain lies a surreal world of surprises, a topsy-turvy time of tricks and transformations. With dancing, puppetry, acrobatics, and more, *Aurélia's Oratorio* is an inventive adventure set to a quirky score of chamber music and gypsy jazz. Berkeley Rep unveils this spectacle – a concoction of mystery and fantasy for the whole family – with Arktype Productions in association with Crying Out Loud UK.

Tickets to *Aurélia's Oratorio* start at \$33 – or only \$16.50 for anyone under 30 years of age. Berkeley Rep is located at 2015 Addison Street, near bus lines, bike routes, and parking lots, and only half a block from BART. To purchase seats, call (510) 647-2949 or (888) 4-BRT-Tix (toll-free) – or just click berkeleyrep.org.

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AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO

FACT SHEET

WHO: Conceived and directed by Victoria Thierrée Chaplin
 Starring Aurélia Thierrée
 Featuring Jaime Martinez
 Designed by Victoria Thierrée Chaplin (sound and stage design), Laura de Bernadis and Philippe Lacombe (lighting design), and Victoria Thierrée Chaplin, Jacques Perdiguez, Veronique Grand, and Monika Schwarzl (costume design)

WHAT: *Aurélia's Oratorio*, a dazzling display of stage illusion that has charmed the world

WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre
 Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704

WHEN: **Extended – must close on January 31, 2010!**

- Tue 1/12 @ 8 PM – including free pre-show docent talk at 7 PM
- Thu 1/14 @ 2 PM
- Thu 1/14 @ 8 PM – including free pre-show docent talk at 7 PM
- Fri 1/15 @ 8 PM
- Sat 1/16 @ 8 PM
- Sun 1/17 @ 2 PM
- Sun 1/17 @ 7 PM
- Tue 1/19 @ 8 PM – including free pre-show docent talk at 7 PM
- Wed 1/20 @ 7 PM
- Thu 1/21 @ 8 PM – including free pre-show docent talk at 7 PM
- Fri 1/22 @ 8 PM
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HOW MUCH: \$16.50 - \$71

	Section B	Section A	Premium
Tue 8 PM / Wed 7 PM / Thu, Fri, Sat 2 PM	\$33	\$45	\$52
Thu 8 PM / Sun 2 PM / Sun 7 PM.....	\$37	\$51	\$57
Friday @ 8 PM	\$45	\$57	\$63
Saturday @ 8 PM.....	\$51	\$63	\$71

- Discounts:
- Half-price tickets available for anyone under 30 years of age
 - \$10 discount for students and seniors one hour before curtain
 - Groups of 10 or more, contact (510) 647-2918 or groups@berkeleyrep.org

PHOTOS: <http://www.berkeleyrep.org/press/photos-09ao.asp>

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