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**Actors' Playhouse presents David Auburn's *Proof*
Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play**

CORAL GABLES, Fla. – May 19, 2023 – Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre is thrilled to continue its milestone 35th anniversary season with **David Auburn's *Proof*** playing now through June 4, 2023. Performances will take place Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Miracle Theatre. Ticket prices range from \$55 to \$90 and can be purchased by calling (305) 444-9293 or by visiting www.actorsplayhouse.org

An enigmatic woman, her brilliant father, and an unanticipated suitor. After the discovery of a groundbreaking proof, Catherine is confronted with the question of how much of her mathematician father's brilliance did she inherit – and is that the only thing he passed on to her? Winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play, David Auburn's ***Proof*** is a moving exploration of the nature of genius, women in mathematics, and father-daughter relationships.

Directed by Actors' Playhouse Artistic Director **David Arisco**, ***Proof*** stars **Michael McKenzie** as Robert, **Jessica Sanford** as Catherine, **Daniel Llaca** as Hal and **Stephanie White** as Claire.

“Considered one of the finest plays written in the past 25 years, it's an honor to present ***Proof*** to South Florida audiences in our intimate 300-seat theatre,” said Arisco. “Character driven, with excellent writing, this production is an opportunity for this killer company to sink their teeth into an incredible script. ***Proof*** is a must-see for true theater lovers.”

The creative team is led by **Gene Seyffer** (Technical Direction and Scenic Design), **Carlos Correa** (Production Manager), **Ellis Tillman** (Costume Design), **Eric Nelson** (Lighting Design), **Alex Bonilla** (Sound Design) and **Jodi Dellaventura** (Set Dressings & Properties Design).

This event is made possible with the support of Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Affairs Council, and the Miami Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for Major Cultural Institutions, and is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, with support of the City of Coral Gables, and the following sponsors: Azamara, Bacardi U.S.A., NBC 6 South Florida, Mega TV, Zeta 92.3 and South Florida PBS.

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket prices range from \$55 to \$90. Tickets can be purchased by calling (305) 444-9293, visiting www.actorsplayhouse.org, or at the Actors' Playhouse Box Office (280 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, FL 33134). The theatre offers 10 percent off all weekday performances for seniors and \$15 student rush tickets to any performance 15 minutes prior to curtain with identification. Group discounted rates are offered for ten patrons or more through the group sales department at (305) 444-9293 ext. 2 or on www.actorsplayhouse.org.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

The show will open on Friday, May 19 at 8 p.m. and the final performance will take place on Sunday, June 4. Evening performances will be held Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sundays at 3 p.m.

Keep up with all updates on ***Proof*** and join the conversation by following Actors' Playhouse on Facebook [@actorsplayhouse](https://www.facebook.com/actorsplayhouse), Instagram [@apmiracletheatre](https://www.instagram.com/apmiracletheatre), YouTube [@actorsplayhousecg](https://www.youtube.com/actorsplayhousecg) and Twitter [@apmiracle](https://twitter.com/apmiracle). #ProofMIA

About Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre

Actors' Playhouse is an award-winning nonprofit regional professional theatre company celebrating 35 years of artistic excellence. Located in the historic Miracle Theatre on Miracle Mile in downtown Coral Gables, Actors' Playhouse is a Florida Presenting Cultural Organization and one of 13 major cultural institutions in Miami-Dade County. The company produces five Mainstage and four professional Children's Theatre productions annually, a year-round Theatre Conservatory and Summer Camp Program, educational arts outreach programs, and the Young Talent Big Dreams countywide youth talent contest in partnership with The Children's Trust. To learn more about Actors' Playhouse, visit www.actorsplayhouse.org

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Biographies:

DAVID AUBURN (Author) David Auburn's plays include *Proof* (Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award, New York Drama Critics Circle Award), *An Upset* and *Amateurs* (EST Marathons), and *Skyscraper*. Films include "The Girl in the Park" (writer/director) and "The Lake House." Recent directing credits include *A Delicate Balance* for BTF. His short plays have been collected in the volume *Fifth Planet and Other Plays* (DPS). His work has been published in Harper's, New England Review, and Guilt and Pleasure; and he was a contributing editor to the Oxford American Writers Thesaurus. A former Guggenheim Fellow, he lives in New York City.

DAVID ARISCO (Artistic Director/Director) has been Artistic Director of Actors' Playhouse for 35 years, 27 at the Miracle Theatre. His diverse career spans over 45 years as director, actor,

musical director, stage manager, symphonic conductor, and instrumentalist. Stage acting credits include Edna Turnblad in Actors' Playhouse's production of *Hairspray* and Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Mr. Arisco has directed over 170 shows for Actors' Playhouse, including the recently acclaimed productions of *Escape to Margaritaville* and *Mamma Mia*, and Carbonell- awarded productions of, *Les Misérables*, *Aida*, *Floyd Collins*, *Violet*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat*, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *West Side Story*, and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, all of which won for Best Production of a Musical. Mr. Arisco is the recipient of the George Abbott Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts and the Richard G. Fallon Award for Excellence in Professional Theatre from the Florida Professional Theatre Association. Special thanks to his family and children Kevin, Sean, Katie, and Drew and his seven grandchildren for their love and support.

MICHAEL MCKENZIE (Robert) appeared at Actors' Playhouse in last season's *Murder on the Orient Express*. He has performed at Gablestage (*The Price*), Palm Beach Dramaworks (*Sweeney Todd*), MNM's *Man of La Mancha*, Theater Lab (*We Will Not Be Silent*), Caldwell Theater (*Dangerous, Déjà Vu*). Broadway- *Waiting in the Wings*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Eastern Standard*. Off Broadway- Kari Floren's *If Wishes Were Horses*, *A Late Supper*, *Voices of Swords*. Tour- John Houseman's The Acting Company. Regional- Baltimore CenterStage, Denver Center, Pittsburgh Public, Salt Lake's Pioneer Theatre, Arkansas Rep, many others. TV/Film- *Law & Order*, *House of Cards*, *Orange is the New Black*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, *Younger*, *Blacklist*, *All My Children*. www.MichaelMcKenzie.net

JESSICA SANFORD (Catherine) is so excited to be back at Actors' Playhouse sharing the stage with these incredible storytellers under the direction of Dave Arisco. She is the proud owner of The Arts Buffet, a unique company that provides a menu of virtual and in-person performing arts classes. Jessica has spent the last two years as the director of the drama department at Pembroke Pines Charter High School. Her favorite professional regional credits include Logainne Schwarzky in *Putnam County Spelling Bee* with Slow Burn Theatre Co. and Officer Dwyer in *Unnecessary Farce* at Actors Playhouse.

DANIEL LLACA (Hal) is a Miami-based Cuban American artist working as an actor for both stage and screen. Recent credits include *Magic Mike 3* (dir. by Steven Soderbergh) *Summer Shorts 25th Anniversary* (City Theatre) *The Impracticality of...Mastadons* (Theatre Lab) *Nosotros La Gente* (American Stage) *The Amparo Experience* (Broadway Factor) and Dave in the upcoming series *Just My Type*. Llaca is also a resident voice actor with Graphic Audio and has provided his voice for various clients including Spirit Airlines, Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, and HBO. Llaca earned a BFA for Theater Performance from New World School of the Arts. Stalk him online: @the_dalai_llaca www.danielllaca.com

STEPHANIE WHITE (Claire) Ecstatic to return to Actors' Playhouse after playing Evelyn Nesbit in *Ragtime* (Wheeee!)! Other favorite credits include - Theater: *Assassins* (Zoetic), *110 in the Shade*, *Most Happy Fella* (Palm Beach Dramaworks), *Cocktales... Confessions of a Nymphomaniac* (the cell), and her original one person show *To Bean, or Not to Bean*. Film/Tv: *Talia in the Kitchen*. NWSA alum. Silver Palm recipient. Carbonell nominated. Transforma Theatre company member. Big love and thanks to my family, friends, Dave, and the cast/crew. Special shout out to my parents, Tom + Silvia, second parents, Bob + Jacki, and my incredible husband, Bobby. @stephhwhite