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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**“A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS” CAST MEMBERS:  
LAUREN TAYLOR, ALEX NEWELL, BEN GIROUX;  
PLUS GRAMMY AWARD-WINNER DAWN LEWIS;  
THE BOB BAKER MARIONETTES;  
AND SPECIAL GUESTS  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN  
AND HIS WIFE MELANIE CALDWELL-HOLDEN  
JOIN IN THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION**

**A FREE COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENT  
AT THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE  
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 AT 5:30 PM**

**PASADENA, CA (Nov 28, 2016)** –The Pasadena Playhouse (Sheldon Epps, Artistic Director and Danny Feldman, Producing Artistic Director) announced today that this year’s **Panto at the Playhouse, Lythgoe Family Panto’s A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS** (opening Thursday, December 8, 2016) kicks off with a special **Tree Lighting Celebration** on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at The Pasadena Playhouse (39 S. El Molino Avenue). Hosted by Ben Giroux (CW’s *Hart of Dixie*), the holiday event features performances by Dawnn Lewis (*A Different World*), The Bob Baker Marionettes and Alex Newell (*Glee*) with special guests Assemblymember Chris Holden and his wife Melanie Caldwell-Holden and Lauren Taylor (“Cinderella” in **A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS**) to help light the Christmas Tree.

Danny Feldman, Producing Artistic Director of The Pasadena Playhouse, said, “I can’t think of a better way to usher in the holiday season with a Tree Lighting Celebration before next week’s opening of our production of **A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS**. This is a time to bring together not only our good friends and family, but a special time to share with the community as well.”

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The Pasadena Playhouse Tree Lighting Celebration features:

- **The Bob Baker Marionette Theater's Holiday Show in The Pasadena Playhouse's Engemann Family Courtyard.**
- **Musical performances by *A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS*' Alex Newell and Grammy Award-winner Dawnn Lewis.**
- **Tree Lighting Celebration with special guests Assemblymember Chris Holden and his wife Melanie Caldwell-Holden and Disney star Lauren Taylor.**

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### **ABOUT A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS**

The Pasadena Playhouse presents Lythgoe Family Panto's ***A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS*** starring Lauren Taylor as "Cinderella," Morgan Fairchild as "Baroness Hardup" and Alex Newell as "Fairy God Person."

Returning from last year's hugely successful Panto at The Playhouse production of ***Peter Pan and Tinker Bell – A Pirates Christmas*** will be director Bonnie Lythgoe ("So You Think You Can Dance"), choreographer Spencer Liff (Emmy nominee "So You Think You Can Dance") and musical director Michael Orland ("American Idol"). The book is by Kris Lythgoe, costume design by Lythgoe Family Panto, and casting by Becky Lythgoe.

Lythgoe Family Panto produces fun, musical theatre the whole family can enjoy and pride themselves on creating a memorable experience a family can share together. Known for their creativity and involvement in television hits "American Idol" and "So You Think You Can Dance," the Lythgoes are dedicated to bringing affordable theatre to families across America. Based on the Grimm fairytales and others, each story has been modernized with topical scripts for parents and well known pop songs for kids. ***A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS*** will include such pop hits as, Meghan Trainor's "Me Too" and "No," Kelly Clarkson's "Breakaway," Michael Buble's "Just Haven't Met You Yet" and Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud."

Panto at The Playhouse is celebrating its fifth year at The Pasadena Playhouse. Past productions at The Pasadena Playhouse include: the world premiere of ***Peter Pan and Tinker Bell – A Pirates Christmas*** starring Sabrina Carpenter and John O'Hurley, ***Sleeping Beauty and Her Winter Knight*** starring Olivia Holt and Lucy Lawless, ***A Snow White Christmas*** starring Ariana Grande and Neil Patrick Harris and ***Aladdin and His Winter Wish*** starring Ben Vereen, Jordan Fisher, and Ashley Argota.

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One hour before every performance, guests and their families are invited to enjoy holiday activities in “Winter Wonderland” located at The Playhouse’s Engemann Family Courtyard.

**A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS** will play from December 8, 2016 – January 8, 2017 at The Pasadena Playhouse. The Pasadena Playhouse is located at 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101. The performance schedule is Tuesdays – Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.; Special matinees -- Friday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m.; Monday, December 26 at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 28 at 3:00 p.m. and Friday, December 30 at 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, January 4 at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 5 at 3:00 p.m. (No performances December 25 and January 1.)

Tickets for **A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS** range from \$25.00 - \$125.00. Tickets are required for admission to the production by everyone with the exception of children under the age of 2 who can attend the show without a ticket if they sit on a parent or guardian’s lap throughout the performance.

GOLDEN TICKETS are available as an add-on to any child’s ticket for an additional \$75.00 each (limit of 10 Golden Tickets available per performance). A Golden Ticket provides the ticketholder (recommended for children aged 4 - 12) with a special onstage sing-a-long experience during the production and a surprise gift bag.

Tickets are available by calling The Pasadena Playhouse at 626-356-7529, and online 24 hours a day at [www.PasadenaPlayhouse.org](http://www.PasadenaPlayhouse.org).

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