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Theatre In The Park Announces New Choreographer for 40th Anniversary Production

Raleigh, NC, September 9, 2014 – Theatre In The Park is happy to welcome Chasta Hamilton Calhoun to the **A Christmas Carol** family.

Chasta will serve as the choreographer for the **40th Anniversary of A Christmas Carol**. She is the Owner/Artistic Director of Stage Door Dance Productions and the Founder/Editor of The Dance Exec. A 2007 Park Scholar Alumna of NC State University, Chasta graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Arts Applications/Administration (Emphasis: Theatre) and a Minor in Film Studies.

"I am so excited and honored to be a part of **A Christmas Carol's 40th Anniversary Production**. We have a lot of exciting, creative ideas in store, and it is going to be so rewarding to be a part of an event that is a local, yet internationally recognized, treasure. Theatre In The Park has welcomed me with open arms, and I cannot wait to get to work. It is going to be a lot of fun!" says Calhoun.

Chasta is currently a Director for Dance Masters of America, Carolina Dance Masters , and a member of the Leadership Council of the Junior League of Raleigh. She has choreographed for Athens Drive High School's Theatre Department (2014 Triangle Rising Star Recognition for Outstanding Choreography) and Deep Dish Theatre. In 2012, Chasta received the Goodman Award for Regional Leadership Excellence in the Area of the Arts, and in 2014, Chasta was named to the Triangle Business Journal's 40 Under 40.

"We are thrilled to have Chasta join our family," says director and star, Ira David Wood III. "I am looking forward to the energy she will bring."

A Christmas Carol will be performed at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts Memorial Auditorium December 10-14 and at the Durham Performing Arts Center December 18-21.

About Theatre In The Park

Theatre In The Park, located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University, has been entertaining audiences since 1947. Theatre In The Park is one of North Carolina's largest non-profit performing arts organizations and is acclaimed for its numerous outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama.

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