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Ira David Wood III's *A Christmas Carol* returns to the Durham Performing Arts Center for five shows only!

Raleigh, North Carolina - May 22, 2013 - *A Christmas Carol*- It only happens once a year! One of the Triangle's most beloved Christmas traditions will once again be featured at the Durham Performing Arts Center this December. Ira David Wood III's hit musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic will run December 19- 22, 2013 in Durham. *A Christmas Carol* will begin its 39th annual run at Raleigh's Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts December 12- 15, 2013.

"After selling out three incredible performances last year we are thrilled to have *A Christmas Carol* return for its longest engagement at DPAC yet proving the show to become quite a tradition to DPAC theater goers each holiday season." Says DPAC's Senior Director of Marketing, Rachel Gragg.

Tickets for the Durham performances go on sale June 7, 2013. Call 919-680-2787, visit DPACnc.com or Ticketmaster.com to purchase. Tickets for the Raleigh performances will go on sale to Theatre In The Park Season Members June 1 and to the general public in October 2013.

Theatre In The Park's original musical comedy adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, based on the book by Charles Dickens and adapted for the stage by Ira David Wood III, has been cited as "one of the most successful shows in North Carolina theatre history" and voted one of "the top 20 events in the Southeast" by the Southeast Tourism Society. In 2010 it was voted best in the Triangle by readers of Triangle Arts and Entertainment. *A Christmas Carol* has become a holiday tradition in the Southeast, and has also enjoyed critically acclaimed tours to England and France. *A Christmas Carol* was the first full scale theatrical event staged at DPAC during its opening week in December of 2008. Approximately 30,000 people attend the local production runs in Raleigh and Durham each year.

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 entertained 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. www.theatreinthepark.com.

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