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Tony Award Winner Shuler Hensley Headlines ATC's Holiday Show

Film and Stage Actor is Scrooge in "Scrooge! The Musical"

TUCSON, Ariz. – Arizona Theatre Company is excited to announce Tony Award winning film and stage actor, Shuler Hensley as the title character in the upcoming holiday production *Scrooge! The Musical*. Hensley's list of roles and awards is long and illustrious. His film appearances include *The Greatest Showman*, *The Legend of Zorro, Van Helsing, The Bread, My Sweet (aka A Wedding for Bella), Odd Thomas, Cruiser, Devil's Hollow* and the upcoming *Brutal Season*.

"I'm very excited to be reunited with Shuler working on this new adaptation of *Scrooge!*" said ATC Kasser Family Artistic Director Matt August. "We last worked together in 2016 on the Madison Square Garden production of Grinch and we had an absolute blast. It takes a very special actor to be able to reinvent an iconic character such as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Shuler has a track record of doing exactly that with so many other indelible characters."

Hensley's Broadway credits include recently playing Hugh Jackman's right-hand man Marcellus in *The Music Man*, Tom Kettle in Jez Butterworth's Tony-Winning play *The Ferryman*, directed by Sam Mendes, the Monster in *Young Frankenstein*, Javert in *Les Misérables*, Pozzo in the Ian Mckellen/Patrick Stewart *Waiting for Godot*, *Tarzan* and *No Man's Land*. Hensley played Jud Fry in Trevor Nunn's *Oklahoma!*, a performance which earned him Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards. His roles Off-Broadway include *Fiorello!*, *The Whale*, for which he was awarded "Stage Performance of the Year" by New York magazine, *Silence! The Musical*, *Sweet and Sad* and *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*. And he played the Grinch in *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at NYC's Madison Square Garden.

He is also the Artistic Director at City Springs Theatre Company and on the founding advisory board for the new Musical Theatre Program at The Manhattan School of Music.

Newly adapted from the Oscar-nominated film *Scrooge* comes a Christmas musical spectacular by Oscar-winning, Grammy-winning, and Tony-nominated composer Leslie Bricusse. *Scrooge! The Musical* is a ground-breaking adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* filled with songs that are as impressive as the ones he wrote for *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

Single tickets for Arizona Theatre Company's 56th season, with a grand slam lineup of productions under the direction of new Kasser Family Artistic Director Matt August, are now on sale.

Subscriptions, including five-play packages and flex passes that allow patrons to choose the shows that fit their schedules, will be available starting now, for purchase via ATC's website, <u>ATC.org</u>, or by calling the box office at 833-ATC-SEAT (833-282-7328).

About Arizona Theatre Company



Arizona Theatre Company's (ATC) performances bring people together to experience essential stories, from reimagined classics to contemporary plays, original works, and innovative musicals fostering continued conversation beyond the theatre walls. Founded in 1966 and celebrating its 56th season, ATC is led by Kasser Family Artistic Director Matt August and Executive Director Geri Wright. ATC operates in two major cities and is the preeminent professional theatre in Arizona, recognized as the official State Theatre.

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