Immediate Press Release:

Stage Aurora presents *The Color Purple*  
September 28 –October 14 (Weekends Only)

(Jacksonville, FL) – August 8, 2012 – Stage Aurora Theatrical Company will present the Tony Award winning hit Broadway smash hit musical THE COLOR PURPLE September 28 – October 14, 2012 at the Stage Aurora Performance Hall located at 5188 Norwood Avenue inside Gateway Town Center.

Angela Robinson-Whitehurst and LaTrisa Harper (both from the original Broadway production of The Color Purple) will serve as Artistic Consultant and Choreographer, respectively. Darryl Reuben Hall will direct. Harlan Penn is Set Designer with John Gripper serving as Vocal Director. Costume Design by Valerie Bellamy – Bailey and Sandra Levy-Donawa.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Alice Walker and Nominated for 11 Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, THE COLOR PURPLE opened on December 1, 2005 at the Broadway Theatre where it ran for over two record-breaking years. It is the inspiring story of a woman named Celie who finds the strength to triumph over adversity, and discover her unique voice in the world.

With a joyous GRAMMY®-nominated score featuring gospel, jazz, pop and the blues, THE COLOR PURPLE features over 30 extremely talented, singers and dancers throughout North Florida; among them: Victoria Canady, Chelsea Love Hunt, Lolita Jennings-Flagg, Tarra Jones, Toni Diamond-Bingham, Ishmael Blue, Patrick Johnson, Marc Curtis Little, DeeDee Ellis, Akia McDaniel, Monique Ellis, Bernice Alomar, LaShawn Sade Casper, Adriene Reid, Shacrisa Bell, Kai Smith, Angela Roberts, Candace Crump, Katrina Rogers, Catrease Upperman, Elliot Wimes, Staci Anderson, Jean Hyppolite, Joyce Petty, Joe Foster, Amahre Palmer, and Tiffany Singh.

The Color Purple performance schedule is as follows:
Friday, September 28 at 7pm  
Saturday, September 29 at 2pm & 6pm  
Sunday, September 30 at 3pm  
Wednesday, October 3 at 10am  
Friday, October 5, 2012 at7pm;  
Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 2pm & 6pm;  
Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 3pm  
Saturday, October 13 at 6pm  
Sunday, October 14 at 3pm

Ticket prices are as follows: $15/ Advance and Door for Students (5-17) & Seniors (65+) and $20 Advance/$25 Door for Adults/ General Public. Group rates are $18 each (groups of 15). Tickets may be purchased at Brothers 2000 ((904) 768-6004 Gateway Town Center) and Family Christian Bookstore ((904) 272-0201Orange Park). Tickets may also be purchased online at www.ticketleap.com or by calling the Stage Aurora Box Office at (904) 765-7372 or (904) 765-7373.