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Park City Performing Arts Foundation presents
John Amos in “Halley’s Comet”
December 3, 2011

PARK CITY, UT – Best known for his roles in “ROOTS,” “The District,” “West Wing” and “Good Times,” Emmy-nominated actor **John Amos** brings his one-man theatrical “tour de force” (Bermuda’s *Mid-Ocean News*) to **The Eccles Center** on **Saturday, December 3**. A rollercoaster ride through history, Amos’ “**Halley’s Comet**” begins at **7:30 p.m.**

“**Halley’s Comet**,” which was written by **Amos**, is the story of an 87 year-old man who recounts the changes in the world since the last time he met the comet as an 11 year-old boy. The theatrical adventure takes **Amos** through a parade of characters, such as the 87 year-old patriarch, a soldier in the midst of a World War II battle and a freed Liberian slave heading west to Comanche territory. The audience is transported on a spellbinding journey through the war, romance, the golden age of radio, the Civil Rights Movement and the wonder of childhood.

“A universal story (*The Los Angeles Times*),” **Amos**’ show is at once hilarious and poignant. *The Daily News* calls “Halley’s Comet,” “a funny and touching journey through 76 years of the American experience.”

A veteran of the stage and screen, **Amos**’ performance has been called “superb” (*Winston-Salem Journal*) and “dazzling” (*The Record*). His lengthy list of film and television roles, ranges from Kunta Kita in the mini-series “ROOTS” to Admiral Percy Fitzwallace in “The West Wing.” He’s won the NAACP award for Best Actor, the Los Angeles Drama Critics Award for Best Actor and an array of critical accolades. A former television writer, he has also directed several productions.

According to London’s *Metro Weekender*, “**Halley’s Comet**” is “destined to become a classic.”

EVENT DETAILS:

*Park City Performing Arts Foundation presents **John Amos's "Halley's Comet" on Saturday, December 3** at The George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Center for the Performing Arts (1750 Kearns Blvd., Park City). Performance starts at 7:30 p.m. **Tickets: \$18, \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65 (20-percent discount for seniors, 2-for-1 tickets for children ages 12 and under; \$5 seats are available in the Copper Section for Summit County students (K-12).***

Tickets and information are available at The Eccles Center box office, 435-655-3114 or www.ecclescenter.org.

** Photos, interviews and review tickets are available upon request. Please contact Kirsta Albert at 435-655-8252 for more information.*

UPCOMING MAIN STAGE SHOWS

John Amos in "Halley's Comet" - Dec. 3, 2011

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's "A Swinging Christmas" - Dec. 17, 2011

Little Big Town - New Year's Eve

MOMIX's "Botanica" - Jan. 14, 2012

The Intergalactic Nemesis - Feb. 11, 2012

The Vagina Monologues - February TBA, 2012

Milkshake - February 18, 2012

Nellie McKay - February 25, 2012

AfroCubism - March 10, 2012

Jeff Corwin's "Tales from the Field" - March 24, 2012

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet - April 7, 2012

***Park City Performing Arts Foundation** is a non-profit organization, dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the community. Now in its 15th season of presenting acclaimed artists at **The George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Center for the Performing Arts** (a joint-use facility with the Park City School District), the organization continues to entertain, educate and illuminate. In addition to Eccles Center events, PCPAF presents the **"Big Stars, Bright Nights" season of concerts at Deer Valley Resort every summer**. PCPAF is dedicated to introducing young people to the arts through free **student outreach workshops, shows and demonstrations**. The non-profit also runs the **Mega Genius Supply Store and IQ HQ - an after school literacy program** and very thinky retail store located on Swede Alley.*

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