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Hilarious, Atlanta-centric Comedy Returns to the Hertz Stage at the Alliance Theatre

Nov. 6 – Dec. 13, 2009
Opening / Media Night: Nov. 11, 2009

ATLANTA — The Second City is back at the Alliance by popular demand after a sold-out 2008 run! Just in time for the holiday season, the hit comedy team from Chicago will skewer Atlanta's favorite sacred cows and pink pigs. *The Second City: Peach Drop, Stop and Roll* is a World Premiere sketch comedy revue—the Alliance's newest gift to Atlanta—complete with giant belly laughs. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* called last season's show "...a high octane blend of social satire and piston popping physical comedy." Matt Hovde returns to the Alliance to direct this two-act satire transforming the Hertz Stage into an underground comedy cabaret as he did for the hit 2008 production. Previews begin Nov. 6, 2009. Opening/media night is Wed., Nov. 11, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office by calling 404.733.5000 or online at www.alliancetheatre.org.

The Second City: Peach Drop, Stop and Roll is written and created by Matt Hovde and Seth Weitberg with additional material by the casts of The Second City. These masters of sketch and improv comedy take a Southern-fried stab at Atlanta, creating a show that reflects the city in all its diversity, complexity and hilarity while lovingly mocking all things ATL.

The Second City is the birthplace of many legendary comic geniuses including Steve Carell, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Mike Myers, John Candy and Tina Fey. Besides being a proven training ground for high profile comedians, it has a solid national reputation for irreverent, homegrown sketch comedy.

The Second City, 2-2-2

Of the six-member cast, three local improv and sketch comedy favorites add to the Atlanta-centric nature of the show: Amy Roeder (returning from the 2008 show), Amber Nash and Steve Westdahl. (Biographical information on the cast and creative team members may be found in the attached fact sheet.)

Members of the artistic team that will bring this hilarious show to the stage are Matt Hovde, director, and Lisa McQueen, musical director.

Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Nov. 6 – Dec. 13, 2009 on the Hertz Stage. There will not be a 2:30 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday, Nov. 7. The Sunday, Dec. 6 show at 2:30 p.m. will be Audio Described for the visually impaired.

Tickets are \$30 and \$40 and are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office by calling 404.733.5000 or online at www.alliancetheatre.org. Discount rates for groups of 10 or more are available by calling 404.733.4690. Discount rates are also available for members of the military, seniors and students. The Alliance Theatre is located at the Woodruff Arts Center, corner of Peachtree and 15th Street, in Midtown Atlanta.

The Second City: Peach Drop, Stop and Roll is part of the Turner Series on the Hertz Stage.

Additional Sponsors: *The Second City: Peach Drop, Stop and Roll* is sponsored by Delta Air Lines – the Official Airline of the Alliance Theatre; the Marriott Residence Inn – the Official Hotel of the Alliance Theatre; and The Home Depot – the Set Construction Sponsor of the Alliance Theatre.

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The Alliance Theatre is a division of the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, Georgia, which also includes the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, High Museum of Art, Young Audiences and the 14th Street Playhouse.