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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA TO REPRESENT ALABAMA AT SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY THEATRE FESTIVAL

TUSCALOOSA, AL – Theatre Tuscaloosa will be taking its production of *The End of a Line* by Robert Hawkins to the Saenger Theatre in Mobile, Alabama, to compete in the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) Community Theatre Festival March 7-10, 2018.

Theatre Tuscaloosa's production was named "Best of Show" at the Alabama Conference of Theatre's annual Community Theatre Festival (ACTFest), which was held November 11 at the Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton State Community College's Martin Campus. Theatre Tuscaloosa shared the "Best of Show" award with Pelham's South City Theatre, which presented *Doubt, A Parable*.

Both productions qualified to represent Alabama at SETC, where community theatres from 10 states will compete for the title of Best Production. SETC includes the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"We are thrilled to be able to share our production of *The End of a Line* at SETC," said Theatre Tuscaloosa Executive Producer Tina Turley. "I have long believed that we have some of the best talent in the country here in Tuscaloosa, and this is an opportunity to show our colleagues what we've got!"

A total of four community theatres competed at ACTFest, including The Actor's Charitable Theatre from Tuscaloosa and Auburn Area Community Theatre. The Actor's Charitable Theatre presented *Disaster!*, and Auburn Area Community Theatre presented *Motherhood Out Loud*. All four productions were honored during ACTFest.

The complete list of ACTFest Awards includes:

- The Actor's Charitable Theatre (Tuscaloosa) - *Disaster!*
 - Steve Burdette: Best Music Director
 - Autumn Fuller: Outstanding Acting Achievement
 - David Jones, Richard Livingston: Outstanding Sound Design
 - Joey Lay: Outstanding Acting Achievement
 - Joey Lay: Outstanding Costume Design
 - Peter VanderWal: Outstanding Acting Achievement
- Auburn Area Community Theatre - *Motherhood Out Loud*
 - Andrea Holliday: Outstanding Acting Achievement

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- South City Theatre (Pelham) - *Doubt, A Parable*
 - Best of Show (shared with Theatre Tuscaloosa)
 - Spirit of the Road Award
 - Sue Ellen Gerrells: Outstanding Acting Achievement
 - Stephen Mangina: Best Actor
 - Tonya Marshall: Outstanding Acting Achievement
- Theatre Tuscaloosa - *The End of a Line*
 - Best of Show (shared with South City Theatre)
 - Drew Baker: Best Actress
 - Adam Miller: Outstanding Acting Achievement
 - Tina Turley, Charles Prosser: Best Directors
 - Kathy Wilson: Outstanding Acting Achievement

At the conclusion of ACTFest, Alabama Conference of Theatre elections were held, and Theatre Tuscaloosa Managing Director Adam Miller was elected vice chair of ACTFest. In this capacity, he will contribute to planning and executing ACTFest as vice chair in 2018 and chair in 2019.

“Hosting ACTFest this year was such fun,” said Miller. “Not only is it an opportunity to compete, it is more importantly a chance for community thespians from across Alabama to meet one another, learn from each other’s various areas of expertise, and share ideas that can be implemented in each of our home communities. We look forward to hosting and competing in ACTFest again soon, and of course we can’t wait to compete at SETC in March!”

More information is available at www.theatretusc.com or at 205.391.2277.

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Theatre Tuscaloosa is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community theatre located on the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College. Theatre Tuscaloosa has been enriching the greater Tuscaloosa community since 1971 through quality theatrical productions and educational outreach.