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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA TO OFFER SPECIAL EVENTS FOR HAIRSPRAY

June 26, 2014 (TUSCALOOSA, AL) – Theatre Tuscaloosa will be offering three special events in concert with its summer musical Hairspary.

On Sunday, July 20, Theatre Tuscaloosa will host its first Grandparent’s Day. Patrons are encouraged to bring their grandchildren and share the love of theatre with the newest generation. In addition, students from the SSCC Cosmetology program will be on site an hour prior to the show to create 60’s era hairstyles for little girls on a first-come-first-served basis.

On Thursday, July 24, Dr. Trudier Harris will host a pre-show discussion about the history of television integration in America in the Alabama Power Recital Hall. A nationally and internationally active scholar and a member of the International Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent, Harris’ primary field of research focuses on the complexities of southern African American identity and experience. Her last published volume was The Scary Mason-Dixon Line: African American Writers and the South, which Choice labeled as one of the “Outstanding Academic Titles” for 2009 and which won the 2010 Creative Scholarship Award from The College Language Association. The free event will start at 6:30 p.m. and seating will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Finally, after the performance on Friday, July 25, the audience will be invited to stay for a post-show talk back with the cast of Hairspary. Interested patrons are encouraged to stay after the show to meet the cast, learn more about the rehearsal process, ask questions and discover what each actor thinks about the character they portray. There will be no additional charge for this event.

Hairspary will be presented July 18 – 27 in the Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton State Community College’s Martin Campus, 9500 Old Greensboro Road. Performances will take place Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays and Wednesday at 2pm. All proceeds of a pay-what-you-can final dress rehearsal on Thursday, July 17, at 7:30 pm, will benefit the Charlie Dennis Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are $22 for adults, $18 for seniors (60+) and $14 for students and children. Special rates are available in advance for groups of 10 or more.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.theatretusc.com or call (205) 391-2277.
Media Note: If you would like to arrange to cover a performance of *Hairspray*, a limited number of complimentary press passes are available. Contact Adam Miller at (205) 391-2925 or Amelia Webber at (205) 391-2277 to make arrangements.

*Theatre Tuscaloosa is a 501c3 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 1972 through quality theatrical productions and educational outreach.*