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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA ANNOUNCES SPRING MUSICAL

TUSCALOOSA, AL – Theatre Tuscaloosa will present *Cabaret* February 23-March 4, 2018 in the Bean-Brown Theatre on the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College (9500 Old Greensboro Rd.).

Willkommen to 1930s Berlin! Cliff, a young American novelist, has come to find his muse. He is eagerly swept into the obscured world of the Kit Kat Klub in which the incomparable emcee, played once more by Ray Taylor, proclaims that there are no troubles, and life is a cabaret! Cliff's typewriter sits idly as he becomes entangled with the mysterious Sally Bowles. Little do they know that a dark, menacing power is on the rise in Berlin, but for now they remain blissfully ignorant. After all, in the Kit Kat Klub, life is beautiful; the girls are beautiful; even the orchestra is beautiful!

"I am enthusiastic about bringing a new life into this role, a new dimension," says Ray Taylor (Emcee). "To get to play the role of a lifetime twice is lucky; the third time is a miracle!"

Taylor will be accompanied by Nate Blakely, Ally Bryant, Ava Buchanan, Alex Freeman, Autumn Fuller, Royce Garrison, Christian Hatcher, Glen Johnson, Casey Kauffman, Patrick McCaffrey, Madeline Plunkett, Charles Prosser, Parker Reeves, Jack Skean, Grace VandeWaa, Meredith Vaughn, Bridget Winder, and Laura White.

The production team includes Tina Turley, director; Tyler Afflerbach, stage manager; Leslie Poss, music director; Blair Andersen, choreographer; Andy Fitch, scenic designer; Rich Dunham, lighting designer; and Jeanette Waterman, costume designer.

"*Cabaret* is not only entertaining but gives us a glimpse of history—decadent, open Berlin just before the rise of the Third Reich," says Turley. "It's funny but moving, beautiful and terrifying, and examines a moment in time when people were open and accepted...until they weren't."

Theatre Tuscaloosa's 2017-2018 season is supported by Shelton State Community College, the City of Tuscaloosa, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., WVUA23, and Townsquare Media. *Cabaret* is sponsored by Alabama Public Radio.

Cabaret will be presented February 23-March 4, 2018. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays; Fridays; and Saturday, February 24. Matinee performances will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays; Wednesday, February 28; and Saturday, March 3. A pay-what-you-can final dress rehearsal will be presented on Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m., a portion of proceeds of which will benefit the Charlie Dennis Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This show is intended for mature audiences.

A pre-show lecture will be held on Friday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall.

Tickets and more information are available at www.theatretusc.com or at 205.391.2277.

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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 1971 through quality theatrical productions and educational outreach.