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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 SEASON LINEUP

TUSCALOOSA, AL – Theatre Tuscaloosa will present three musicals and two plays during the 2016-2017 Season: Share the Dream.

The season opens with Roger Bean’s The Marvelous Wonderettes (September 30-October 9, 2016). This smash off-Broadway hit takes you first to the 1958 Springfield High School prom and then to the ten-year reunion of Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. As audiences learn about their lives and loves over a decade, the girls perform classic hits from the ’50s and ’60s, like “Lollipop,” “Dream Lover,” “Son of a Preacher Man,” and “It’s My Party.”

This Christmas, Theatre Tuscaloosa will present the stage adaptation of Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol (December 8-18). In this classic, four spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge in his dreams to help him find the true meaning of Christmas. It is a show for both young and old and a great way to get the whole family into the holiday spirit.

In 2017, an Alabama original by Brad Bailey, The Real Queen of Hearts Ain’t Even Pretty, runs February 10-19. All the “popular” girls dream of winning the crown in this witty Southern comedy. It’s 1976 at the Queen of Hearts beauty pageant in small-town Alabama. Drew Baker, who starred in the world premiere, will be directing this 35th anniversary production.

After 35 years with Theatre Tuscaloosa, Paul Looney will direct his final production, which also happens to be the first show he directed for Theatre Tuscaloosa: Stephen Sondheim’s Company (March 31-April 9, 2017). Looney’s legacy of vision and artistry will be celebrated with this revival. This Tony-Award-winning musical is a witty and engaging dark comedy. On the night of his 35th birthday, confirmed bachelor Robert contemplates his unmarried state. During a hilarious array of interactions, his married friends explain the pros and cons of taking on a spouse.

The season will conclude with the musical adaptation of E. L. Doctorow’s novel, Ragtime (July 14-23, 2017). The hope and promise of the American dream are coursing through the veins of turn-of-the-century New York City in this 1998 Tony-Award-winning musical. Three inspiring stories of an upper-class wife who unexpectedly becomes a single mother, a determined Jewish immigrant and his daughter, and a daring, young Harlem musician are masterfully woven together. Underscoring everything are a new sound, a new beat, and a new rhythm for a new time—Ragtime.

The 2016-17 Season is presented in cooperation with Shelton State Community College and will be presented in the Bean-Brown Theatre on the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College (9500 Old Greensboro Road). Season tickets are discounted fifteen percent over individual ticket prices. Packages are $85 for adults, $71 for seniors and
military personnel, and $56 for students and children. Season tickets may be purchased as either traditional packages (same nights and seat(s) for each show) or as Flex Passes, which may be redeemed in any order and combination for any 2016-2017 mainstage production.

For more information or season tickets, visit www.theatretusc.com or call 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.