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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA CAPS OFF THEIR SEASON WITH A TREASURED TRADITION: Fiddler on the Roof


Written by Joseph Stein, with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, Fiddler on the Roof won nine Tony Awards when it debuted in 1964. Based on Sholem Aleichem's stories, this musical tradition is set in the village of Anatevka. Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his Jewish community amid the changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of czarist Russia. Filled with historic and ethnic detail, Fiddler on the Roof leaves audiences touched by the humor, warmth, and honesty portrayed in the story. The universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion and leaves audiences crying tears of laughter, joy, and sadness.

Fiddler on the Roof is directed by Artistic Director Emeritus of Theatre Tuscaloosa, Paul Looney, who has directed over one hundred shows for Theatre Tuscaloosa.

“We are who we are because of Paul,” says Tina Turley, Executive Producer of Theatre Tuscaloosa. “Paul is leading a marvelous and talented production team to create the world of Anatevka.”

The production team includes Ben Boyer, Set Designer; Frank Duren, Sound Designer; Erin Hisey, lighting designer; Lindsey Jones, choreographer; Wheeler Kincaid, technical director; Ashlyn Lambert, stage manager; Leslie Poss, musical director; and Jeanette Waterman, costume designer.

“We are also excited to have a cast that includes a wide variety of performers,” said Turley. “We have a number of audience favorites combined with new faces from Tuscaloosa Children’s Theatre, Shelton State, and the general community.”

Cyndi Wilson, involved behind the scenes with Tuscaloosa Children’s Theatre for years, is making her stage debut in *Fiddler on the Roof*. “I’m in shock,” Wilson said. “*Fiddler on the Roof* is one of my all-time favorites, so this is going to be fun! I’m thrilled to be cast as part of the ensemble. I believe audiences will love the singing and dancing involved with this show.”

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*Fiddler on the Roof* will run July 10-19, 2015, in the Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton State Community College’s Martin Campus. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sundays, and Saturday, July 18. A pay-what-you-can dress rehearsal will be presented on Thursday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m.; all proceeds 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 ten or more.

Tickets and information are available at [www.theatretusc.com](http://www.theatretusc.com) or 205.391.2277.

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**Media Note:** If you would like to arrange to cover a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*, a limited number of complimentary press passes are available. Contact Adam Miller at 205.391.2925 or Harley Sabbagh 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.*