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Auditions for ‘Smoke on the Mountain’ January 13-14 at ABAC

TIFFON— Auditions for the Baldwin Players’ production of Connie Ray and Alan Bailey’s off-Broadway musical “Smoke on the Mountain” will be held on Jan. 13-14 at 6:30 p.m. in Conger Hall, Room 319 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Baldwin Players’ Director Brian Ray said auditions are open to all ABAC students, faculty, staff, and the community. The play will run from March 6-8 at 7 p.m. each night on the Wiregrass Opry stage at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

“Smoke on the Mountain” is a musical that revolves around the Sanders family, a group of country/bluegrass gospel singers that present a Saturday Night Sing at the small, rural Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in the hills of western North Carolina. The play is set in the 1930s.

Parts are available for Burl Sanders, 40s, baritone, plays guitar and/or banjo; Vera Sanders, 40s, alto, plays piano; Stanley Sanders, 40s, bass, plays string bass; June Sanders, 20s, soprano/alto, plays tambourine; Denise Sanders, late teens, soprano, plays guitar and/or fiddle; Dennis Sanders, late teens, tenor, plays guitar and/or fiddle; and Mervin Oglethorpe, 30s, tenor.
Persons interested in auditioning should prepare a song to perform. This should be one verse of a country song or one verse of a traditional church hymn. Selections from this musical should not be selected.

Those persons auditioning will perform a capella or by accompanying themselves on an instrument of their choice. A piano will be available, but those persons auditioning can bring a guitar, banjo or fiddle. There will not be an audition accompanist.

Recorded accompaniment is acceptable, but there must be no vocal tracks on the recording. In addition to the music audition, each individual will read selected passages from the script. These will be "cold readings" and do not need to be prepared.

Admission to “Smoke on the Mountain” is free to ABAC faculty, staff and students. There is a $7 admission fee for the general public. For more information, interested persons can contact Ray at (229) 391-4969 or at bray@abac.edu.

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