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## NOTE DATE CHANGES FOR "SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS"

Our next production is *Sanders Family Christmas*, the sequel to the popular *Smoke on the Mountain* which CAST presented several years ago. Instead of the regular schedule for the three weekends, CAST will present the play with gospel music December 4 through 21 at McClellan Theatre on the following schedule:

- Thursday, December 4 @ 8:00 pm**
- Friday & Saturday, December 5 & 6 will be DARK**
- Sunday, December 7 @ 2:30 pm**
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday, December 11 – 13 @ 8:00 pm**
- Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14 @ 2:30 pm**
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday, December 18 – 20 @ 8:00 pm**
- Saturday & Sunday, December 20 & 21 @ 2:30 pm**

Please mark your calendars! And make reservations early by calling 820-CAST.

Written by Connie Ray and conceived by Alan Bailey, the production is directed by Kim Dobbs with Chris Cannon serving

as Musical Director. It focuses on the lovable, inspiring, and musical Sanders family as they share their faith through music and testimony with the congregation in poor, rural, Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.

We invite churches, civic groups, individuals and families--everybody--to come and enjoy seeing a family like The Sanders spread The Word through songs and instrumental gospel music. Bluegrass music is popular now and it was popular then in this setting of December, 1941. It's a snowy evening and people are banding together for inspiration. It is eighteen days after Pearl Harbor and FDR's declaration of war.

You will love the laughs and Sanders' style sounds of Christmas portrayed by a unique family of six as they tell personal stories, providing expectant hope to this tiny but enthusiastic congregation.

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Patrons,

I saw *Sanders Family Christmas* several years ago at Terrific New Theatre in Birmingham and couldn't wait for CAST to present it. The theater there was full, in numbers of people and in applause. Now my dream has come true! CAST has selected its own Sanders Family and pastor to entertain you.

And everything seems to be in its favor.

*Smoke on the Mountain* was a magnet to large audiences when CAST offered it in September, 2004. Some of the viewers told me they had never laughed so hard!

- Our director, Kim Dobbs, has lots of experience as a stage manager for this production of several different times during her professional career;
- The cast, some new to our stage, will absolutely amaze you with their skills in playing instruments, singing and acting;
- And, it's the perfect holiday attraction to usher in a joyous, true Christmas spirit.

Take it from one who has seen the show and read the script. It's live theater at its best. Groups will find it a fun and worthwhile outing.

- In the cast for *Sanders Family Christmas* are Glenn Davenport, Hervey Folsom, Heather Garlick, Cody Harell, Howard Johnson, Abby Parks, Pati Tiller, and Mike Tyson.

The gate prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Many of you chose to include this production on your season ticket purchases.

Also, my congrats to Tim Doyle & Debbie Tyson who have roles in *Christmas Belles* a December Theatre of Gadsden production.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.  
Then, I'll see you at the theater.

*Hervey Folsom*

Hervey Folsom





As my fifth season with CAST continues, it is very rewarding to work with the Sanders family again. SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN was the first show I directed for CAST and I am delighted to now direct the sequel SANDERS' FAMILY CHRISTMAS. Let me request that you call for show dates and for reservations. We are adding 2 Saturday Matinees to the run. The show runs Dec 4 - 21. No tickets are available for Dec 5 & 6. The cast includes Mike Tyson, Pati Tiller, Howard Johnson, Abby Parks, Cody Harrell, Heather Garlick and Glenn Davenport, with a cameo performance by Hervey Folsom. Our Musical Director is Atlanta based Christopher Cannon. Rehearsals are coming along quite well and we are all having a terrific time. Please put together a group and join us for this rollicking, toe-tapping musical with tons of laughs and lots of holiday spirit. And, as always, thank you for supporting live theatre in our community.

Kim Dobbs, Artistic Director



**Volunteer Spotlight features Sandra Smith  
HER TALENT IS WHERE ART  
MEETS ADVENTURE**

Sandra Smith used to put in 15 miles a day on her bike, loving the exercise. But that was before her involvement with CAST. Lately, she's been putting in 15 hours a day on the sewing machine to enhance characters and our sets. This seamstress and her helpers created 95 costumes for The Sound of Music, which required research. Sandi, who also helped with backstage management for "Sound" made her first blouse at age 13--from a pattern she made herself - followed by a skirt and apron. In college, she made Re -Enactment costumes. Her talents backstage and with needle and thread are much appreciated by all of us.

"I enjoy doing whatever I'm asked to do," Sandi comments. "I like a challenge."

She is multi-talented. By professional definition she is an archaeologist and historical photographer. She is a good writer, too. Did you see her prize winning story in The Anniston Star's ghost writers competition? Her story, The Hike, won first place in the adult division. In it she represents a backpacker (a pastime she enjoys) who encounters a spooky individual on the Appalachian Trail. Look back to October 28 in the Star's "Your Life" section to read Sandi's scary story.

But a true story she relates is just as exciting. A lover of sailing, she crossed the Gulf of Mexico on a 37-foot sailboat with a crew of two, proving that she can take adventure to new levels.

Lucky for CAST, Sandi relishes art and adventure. Congratulations on your story's prize, Sandi, and we are sure you'll continue to find CAST a place where art and adventure meet.

**WE NEED**  
Pot bellied stove with a conduit  
Accordian  
Church pews  
Upright or spinet piano with bench

**Sanders Family Christmas  
tickets may be purchased at:  
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Crow Drug in Jacksonville,  
Cheaha Bank, Anniston and Jacksonville**

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