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Directed by Marc Hammes

Smoke *on the* MOUNTAIN



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Smoke *on the* **MOUNTAIN**

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Book by Connie Ray
Conceived by Alan Bailey
Musical Arrangements by Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick

Directed by Marc Hammes
Musical Direction by Emily Casey

SETTING

The sanctuary of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina,
home of the Mount Pleasant Pickle Plant.

TIME

A Saturday night in June, 1938.

Act One

A Saturday Night Sing at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

-There will be a 15 minute intermission-

Act Two

The Saturday Night Sing continues.

***Please silence your cell phones. NO flash photography or video recording permitted
during the performance. NO food/drink allowed. Thank you***

**Smoke on the Mountain is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.*

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The Cast & Crew



Joel Barker (**Pastor Ogelthorpe**) is happy to be part of the production and thanks On Stage for the opportunity.



Darby Boyce (**Beau**) is 15 years old. He started theater 5 years ago and hasn't stopped since. He has just moved from Florida. His mom is his personal chauffeur and he gives endless thanks to her and his whole family for supporting his theater endeavors. He couldn't be happier to be with such a great cast. Thank you, Mr. Marc, for this opportunity. Enjoy the show y'all!



Emily Casey (**Denise and Music Director**) is a third-year student at the University of Georgia majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Human Development and Family Science. She teaches music lessons at Stuever Studios and has participated in many On Stage shows. Her latest production was The Drowsy Chaperone in which she played Kitty.



Johnny Griffin (**Stanley**) is a teacher at George Walton Academy. He previously played Daddy Cane in Bright Star and Moss Singer/Elvis Caroler in The Christmas Window, which he also wrote and premiered at On Stage. He thanks his wife, Laura - she's the best.



Cindy Hayes (**Band**), a Monroe native, has been a local favorite at venues around town and is excited to be in her first On Stage production. After asking her wife, Paige, to perform with her for many years, she's happy to finally share the stage with her in this production.



Boone Hood (**Band**) is a multi-instrumentalist and performer currently attending UGA for a Bachelor's in Music. He has been playing music since he was a kid, starting with drums and later learning guitar, bass, and more. He attended WGHS and worked with the theater department, as well as with multiple companies from Athens. Boone finds his joy in making music, especially with other people!



Paige Hood (**Vera**) was seen in the recent On Stage production of Home for Christmas. As always, she is excited to share the stage with such a talented cast - this time including her wife and nephew, both of whom are in the band! Paige hopes you enjoy tapping your toes to the tunes.



Russell Pope Jr. (**Band**) is a 21 year old aspiring musician. He's eternally grateful to his family for getting him into theatre and to On Stage for letting him perform with them. He plans to attend music school next fall.



Brett Terrell (**Dennis**) is a student at University of North Georgia, transferring to Utah State University in the Fall. He wants to pick up more skills like voice acting, music production, and photography going into 2023. He especially wants to get back into hiking and skiing after his move. Brett wants to thank his cast, crew, director and band for being fun and positive to work with. He hopes that you all enjoy the show!



Stephanie Traylor (**June**) is a middle school teacher here in Walton County, and a veteran On Stage performer. She is so excited to be back at her home away from home! Favorite past roles include Rachel in Inherit the Wind, Molly in Mousetrap, and the Ghost of Christmas Present in a Christmas Carol. Stephanie would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support!



Michael Wheeler (**Burl**) is a retired middle school teacher. Past roles in On Stage productions were Superman (Classic Holiday Radio Show), Oz and the White Rabbit (Wizard of Oz and Alice in Wonderland).

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Production Staff

Emily Casey Music Director
Jessica Boyce Stage Manager
Bella Kuchnsky Light & Sound Operator
Kelley Channell Studio Headshot Photographer
Rebekah Wesley Poster Design
Marc Hammes and William McGregor Set Design & Construction

Meet the Director



Marc Hammes (**Director**) is the On Stage Artistic Director. After receiving degrees in Theater, Speech, English and Secondary Education, he has continued directing at all age levels. Marc has directed several On Stage productions including The Giver, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Bright Star and the On Stage Youth Acting Workshops. Break Legs!

A Note from the Directors:

Patrons have been telling me about SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN since I moved to Monroe in 2011 - all saying what a great show it is and how On Stage needs to do the show again... and they were right! Twelve years later, we are excited to bring this show back to life.

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN reminds me of the church of my youth and visiting the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. (Yes, there really is a little brown church.) Plus, I got to have our LIVE band practice at my house! What is more amazing than doing what we love with incredibly talented performers who give this music heart and spirit?!

This is a musical journey into the lives of the Sanders Family and Pastor Oglethorpe. While the pastor struggles to maintain control of the Sanders and their band, the family has its own agenda. Join us, as we go back to a small Baptist church in the 1930's and rejoice in song and music. I imagine our Playhouse wasn't that different from the setting of this production, since it was originally a Baptist church when it was built over 100 years ago.

I hope you enjoy SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN as much as I have enjoyed sharing it with you!

Marc Hammes

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