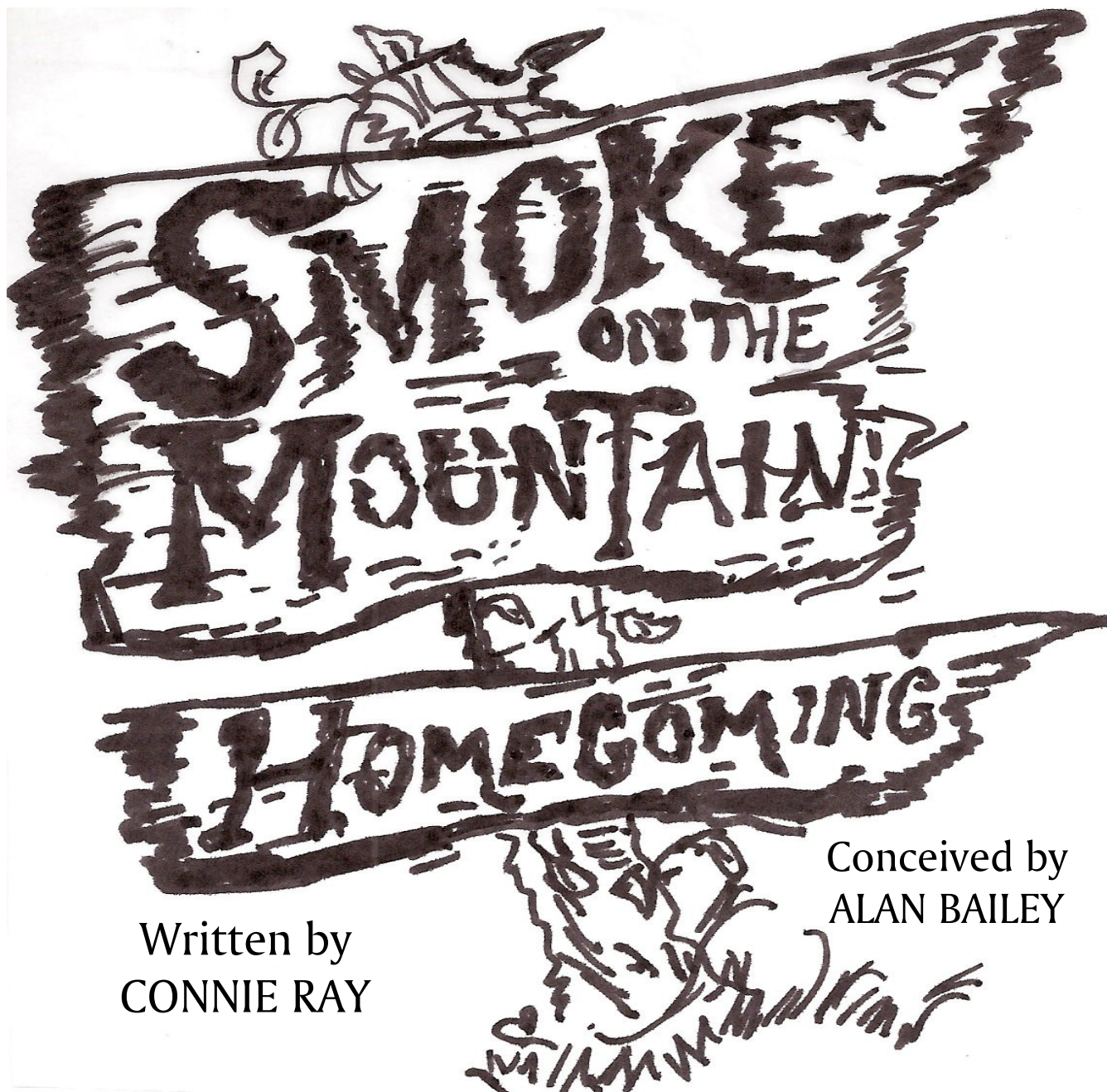


PURCHASE PLAYERS PRESENTS



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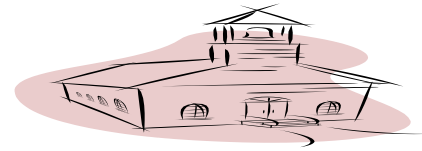
**COMMUNITY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER- MAYFIELD KY
9TH & WATER ST**

*Jun 4 & 5 @ 7:00 pm & June 6 @ 2:00 p.m.
Jun 11 & 12 @ 7:00 p.m. & June 13 @ 2:00 p.m.
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

MERVIN OGLETHORPE.....Joey Allen
Pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

BURL SANDERS (Father).....Joe Hansen
VERA SANDERS (Mother).....Debbie Jetton
STANLEY SANDERS (Uncle).....Gary Jetton
DENNIS SANDERS (Twin brother).....Adam Heath
DENISE SANDERS CULPEPPER (Twin sister).....Alex Routen
JUNE SANDERS OGLETHORPE (Sister & Mervin's wife).....Amy Hicks
DONNIE CULPEPPER.....Justus Wright
WELDON & ELDON CULPEPPER.....Samantha Doran
Hillary Bacon



SPECIAL THANKS

*GCHS students from Mr. Jacob Hein's
homeroom for all their work at the theatre on
community service day 2010.*

Doris Hunter

*First United Methodist Church &
Cassydi Hicks for props*

Debbie Jetton for her sewing expertise

SETTING

The play takes place in the sanctuary of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, located just west of Hickory near the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is Saturday night, October 6, 1945, two months after VJ Day. The war is over, our boys are home, the Depression is a bad memory, and the baby boom has begun.

Mount Pleasant's principal industries are farming and pickle production. The Mount Pleasant Pickle Plant makes everyone and everything smell of vinegar and dill.

The Sanders Family first performed at Mount Pleasant Baptist June 15, 1938 after a five-year hiatus from the Gospel Circuit. They returned to Mount Pleasant each year until the beginning of the war in 1941. This is their first performance in four years.

SONG LIST

ACT I

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS.....Traditional
GLORYLAND BOOGIE.....by Abner Buford
EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED.....by Squire E. Parsons, Jr.
I'LL NEVER DIE.....by Ila C. Knight
THE ROYAL TELEPHONE.....Traditional
A LITTLE AT A TIME.....by Edd F. Easter, James Easter, and
Russell Lee Easter
CHILDREN TALK TO ANGELS.....by Cleo Kirby
STANDING ON THE PROMISES.....Traditional
RIVER MEDLEY
SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER.....Traditional
I'M GOING TO CANAAN.....by Alan Bailey
YOU CAN SWIM.....by Mike Craver
FAR SIDE BANKS OF JORDAN.....by Terry Smith
I AM READY TO GO.....by Early Upchurch

ACT II

COME AROUND.....by Mike Craver
I'LL LIVE AGAIN.....by Ila C. Knight
ROUND-UP IN THE SKY.....by Alan Bailey and Mike Craver
I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY.....Traditional
PROPHET MEDLEY
DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN.....by Alan Bailey
EZEKIEL SAW THE WHEEL.....Traditional
WE ARE CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER.....Traditional
JOSHUA FIT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO.....Traditional
JESUS SAVIOR, PILOT ME.....Traditional
UNCLOUDED DAY.....Traditional
DO LORD.....Traditional

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Shannon Thomas
Set build.....Bill & Jackie Sanzone
Set design.....Shannon Thomas
Producer.....Vanessa Lawson
Stage manager.....Hillary Bacon
Special sound effects.....Justus Wright
Samantha Doran & Hillary Bacon
Sound & Lighting crew.....Raymond Burnett
Kyler Danowski, Cassydi Hicks, Don Fleming

Director's Note:

*I cannot express how wonderful it feels to be back in
the midst of the Purchase Players!*

*I am so blessed to be the director of such a talented
cast of characters. They made directing very easy!*

*"Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" is a funny,
thought provoking and song-filled production.*

*I hope each one of you fall in love with the Sanders
Family just as I have-*

Shannon Thomas

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MEET THE CAST

JOEY ALLEN (*Reverend Oglethorpe*), is no stranger to the Purchase Players stage. He has had the privilege of playing Reverend Oglethorpe in our past “Smoke on the Mountain” productions. Other productions in which he has appeared include “In Search of Rhett Butler”, “Hello, Dolly”, and “Murder in the Magnolias” to name a few. Joey resides in Mayfield with his beautiful wife, Karen, his two sons, John Austin and Jon David, and his newly adopted daughter, Kaylee Brooke. Joey states, of all the characters he has played, Reverend Oglethorpe is his favorite and will always live in his heart.

JOE HANSEN (*Burl Sanders*), is making his Purchase Players debut as the patriarch of the Sander’s family. A singer-songwriter, Joe has also written several one-act plays and drama sketches. Joe serves as pastor at Trinity and Mayfield First United Methodist churches. Joe and his wife, Liz, have 3 children and the world’s most adorable grand-daughter, Sarah.

DEBBIE JETTON (*Vera Sanders*), comes to us from South Dakota via the slow route through Florida. While new to the Purchase Players stage, she has done some acting before, performing at several churches in a dinner-theater setting. Her favorite character so far is Fanny Crosby. “I felt playing a 90-year old was right down my alley!” She has also toiled long hours behind the scenes designing puppets and costumes for PP production of “Little Shop of Horrors”

GARY JETTON (*Stanley Sanders*), is also a newcomer to Purchase Players. “Not since college have I been involved in the theatre. Although I have sung in church, for weddings and funerals, I have never been challenged as I have been in “Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming”. It was an honor to be asked to play Stanley.”

ADAM HEATH (*Dennis Sanders*) - is a transfer student at West Kentucky Community and Technical College studying accounting. He plans to transfer to Murray State University, receive his bachelor’s degree in Accounting, then study Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to receive a Master’s degree. He attends Trace Creek Baptist Church, and leads worship for the youth, as well as directs the youth choir. He performed as Orin Scrivello, D.D.S. in Purchase Players “Little Shop of Horrors”, and as Chi Fu in PP’s “Disney’s Mulan, Jr.”, as well as being involved in many other productions as support cast. (For all those interested—he is single!)

ALEX ROUTEN (*Denise Sanders Culpepper*) - is an upcoming junior at GCHS. She has been involved in many Purchase Player productions, including “Little Shop of Horrors” as Audrey, “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” as Babette (the feather duster), and “The King and I” to name a few. She is also involved with the GCHS drama department and sings in the choir. She is pleased to be working with such a great cast and director—”Love y’all!”

AMY HICKS (*June Sanders Oglethorpe*) - is a veteran here at Purchase Players. She has been on stage in numerous productions including “Nunsense”, “Will Rogers Follies”, “Rumors”, and “The Sound of Music”. In addition to acting, she also enjoys directing and running sound and lights. She shares her passion for theatre with her daughter, Cassydi (12), who has been raised in the theatre and on stage. “I have made so many wonderful friends through the theatre and am excited and blessed to add the cast of “Smoke” to that list! To support her theatre habit, Amy is a Certified Pharmacy Technician at CVS here in Mayfield.



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