

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY THEATRE

Media Release

Wiregrass Students Perform Russian Musical Fairy Tale *Anastasia*

Jan. 19, 2026: Southeast Alabama Community Theatre (SEACT) is proud to present the Youth Edition of *Anastasia*, a musical about discovering who you are and defining who you are meant to be. From Tony winners Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, creators of such Broadway classics as *Ragtime* and *Once On This Island*, this dazzling show transports its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con artist and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Twenty-one Wiregrass area students comprise the cast and crew, a talented group that will also transport the production to the Alabama Thespian Festival in Vestavia Hills. SEACT hosts area Troupe #11355 of the Educational Theatre Association (ETA), a division of the International Thespian Society. The mission of the Alabama ETA is to promote, foster and support excellence in educational theatre throughout the state of Alabama and to provide the students and teachers of our state with enriching and meaningful experiences in the performing arts. The group is open to qualified Wiregrass students beginning in sixth grade.

Director and Theatre Educator Anna Lokey holds an associate's degree in theatre from Darton College (now Albany State University) with a high school and college resume filled with directing, writing, technical theatre, acting, and choreography both in school and with Albany Opera and Theatre Albany. Since 2006 she has performed and directed numerous Main Stage and Education Stage productions with SEACT. *Anastasia (Youth Edition)* runs Feb. 5-7, at the Cultural Arts Center in Dothan. The production is made possible by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, KBL Orthodontics, APEC, and Gosselin Architecture.

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***Anastasia (Youth Edition)* Local Performance Information**

- Feb. 5-7
- 7:00 PM nightly
- Cultural Arts Center located at 909 S. Saint Andrews Street, Dothan
- Tickets are \$22 each at SEACT.com

About SEACT

Founded in 1974, Southeast Alabama Community Theatre (SEACT) provides Dothan and the Wiregrass area with opportunities to participate in and experience live theatre. SEACT's mission is to connect community members of all ages with the transformative power of the arts through productions, classes, and educational programs. The organization serves Houston, Henry, Dale, Coffee, and Geneva Counties, and is funded through season tickets, sponsorships, advertising, and donations. To learn more about SEACT, call 334-794-0400, email seact@seact.com, or visit www.seact.com.

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