



Ansonia Theatre Play Gypsy - this is the Last Weekend!

This is the last weekend for the Ansonia Theatre's musical, Gypsy. Considered by many to be the greatest American musical of all time, Gypsy tells the story of Rose Havoc and her obsession to make her two young daughters, June and Louise, stars on the Vaudeville circuit in the 1920's. Madame Rose is the ultimate stage mother, willing to do whatever it takes to get her kids up and out of the doldrum life that she herself lived as a child. Based loosely on the real life memoirs of burlesque star Gypsy Rose Lee (Louise), the show follows her path as a child performer with her domineering mother and her younger, more talented sister (film star June Havoc). Rose dreams of an act for the kids and hits the road picking up several other child performers to form the traveling troupe "Baby June and Her Newsboys." She soon meets up with a former agent named Herbie and quickly convinces him to represent their act. They then tour all over the country for the next 10 years looking for their big break.

"Mama Rose" is widely known as the most challenging role for a woman in musical theatre, and stepping up to the plate at the Ansonia is Terra Medlock in what can only be called an astounding performance. Medlock, a veteran of the Ansonia, shines like never before. Young June and Louise are played by child stage veterans Madeline Leavitt and Summer Hardison, while older June and Louise are played to perfection by Kimberly Smith and Jennifer Boswell. Director Tommy Wooten is playing the role of Rose's love interest and agent Herbie. The rest of the brilliant cast, from five different counties, includes Matthew Thompson, Paige Mercer, Amanda Moss, Charley Williamson, Rocky Moore, Beverly Eddins, Ayla Perkins, Kianna Ellerbe, Cheryl Carpenter Stewart, Karen Johnston, Scout Perkins, Tyson Leavitt, David Cunningham, Kerrigan Bennett, Mark Traywick, Teri Brown, Robert Graves, Glenn Caulder, Chip Long, Donnie Lewis and Nekeisha Lindsey.

The wonderful script was written by Arthur Laurents, and the score, written by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, includes classic songs "Together Wherever We Go," "Let Me Entertain You," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Gotta Have a Gimmick" and many more. Musical direction is by Gail Litaker, choreography is by Terri Stegall Beeson, costumes are by Brittany Price and set design is by Mike Phillips. This legendary show is great for the whole family and promises to be the most lavish show the Ansonia stage has ever seen. The show runs this weekend, August 16 to 18, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased online at ansoniateatre.com or by calling 704-694-4950. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more.

August Mobile Food Pantry Information

Margot Barnes, Director of Anson Crisis Ministry has released statistics from the August Mobile Food Pantry which was held on Wednesday, August 7 at Wingate Baptist Church. 14,470 pounds of food was distributed.

Barnes said, "Thank you to the 40 volunteers!"

- Total Families: 125
- Children & Youth Under Age 18: 133
- Youth & Adults Ages 19-64: 141
- Adults Over Age 65: 58

"Anson Crisis Ministry brought home 1,098 lbs. of undistributed food," added Barnes. "Thank you! A great deal of food was distributed!"

Anson Crisis Ministry is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-2445, email is ansoncrisisministry@windstream.net and the website is www.ansoncrisisministry.org.

Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

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