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South City Theatre Presents Smoke on the Mountain: Homecoming

Playwrights: Connie Ray, Alan Bailey Composer: Mike Craver SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN HOMECOMING is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

Place/Time

Saturday Evening, October, 1945, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, North Carolina

There will be one 15 minute intermission between Acts One and Two

CREW

Director	
Musical Director	William Harper
Stage Manager	Michelle Vercher
Set Construction	Mike Gerrells
Lighting	Mike Gerrells
Poster & Program Design .	Delaine Derry Green

CAST

Miss Maud	Amy Self
Miss Myrtle	Rhonda Ray
Dennis Sanders	Ryan Gerrells
Burl Sanders	Jim Billings, Jr.
Stanley Sanders	Clint Neville
Vera Sanders	Madelyn Harbison
Denise Sanders Culpepper	Jess Smyly
Mervin Oglethorpe	Michael Wilbanks
June Sanders Oglethorpe	Nancy Estes
Accompanist	John Allen Bankson

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Director's Notes

It's been an absolute delight to re-visit Mount Pleasant Baptist Church with the Sanders family. I fell in love with the original musical, Smoke on the Mountain, when I directed it in 2019 with the beautiful harmonies in the hymns, the loving and often hilarious testimonies, and particularly the relationships between the family members that echo my own experience. This sequel shares many of those qualities, and I find myself again humming the tunes throughout the day. This group of performers and crew are some of my favorite people. It's been a privilege to watch them grow into, or for some, recreate their characters. We've waited 4 years to produce this show, and, for me, it's been worth the wait! I especially want to thank my husband, Mike, for once again supporting my projects. It's been especially wonderful collaborating with the musical team of William Harper and John Allen Bankson and having a super stage manager, Michelle Vercher, by my side. We are all so glad you here, with us, so sit back and enjoy some good 'ol southern grins and gospel music from a gentler, simpler time!

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