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Alabama Shakespeare Festival
The State Theatre of Alabama

Snow in Alabama!

SNOW QUEEN at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival begins January 6

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The Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents ***SNOW QUEEN***, the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale that inspired Disney's *FROZEN*, on the Octagon Stage January 6 through February 3. All public performances are weekend matinees, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. This family-friendly production is recommended for ages 4 & up.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$35 and are available by calling (334) 271-5353, online at www.asf.net or by visiting the ASF Box Office at One Festival Drive, Montgomery, AL. **Groups of ten or more receive discounts** by calling Stan Thomas at (334) 271-5330.

The audience will be spellbound as Gerda struggles to free her friend Kai from the seemingly evil Snow Queen and a frozen heart. With the help of her faith and loyalty, Gerda proves that love can always triumph over evil. The fairy tale that inspired Disney's *Frozen* and the White Witch character in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* comes to magical life on ASF's Octagon Stage.

The actors in the production are members the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's resident touring company, who auditioned in New York to receive coveted year-long apprenticeship positions with The Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and have come from all over the country to spend a year living in Montgomery. Aside from the production of ***SNOW QUEEN***, they were recently scene in ASF's ***A Christmas Carol*** and a touring production of Shakespeare's ***Much Ado About Nothing*** that travels to schools and theatres across the state of Alabama.

Katie Fanning appears as the Snow Queen with **Woodrow Procter** as her faithful hobgoblin servant, Hemming. **Lara Treacy** plays the intrepid Gerda with **Colin Wulff** as Gerda's friend Kai whom she must rescue. Gerda's grandfather is played by **Ithamar Francois**, **Josh Cahn** appears as Halvard the reindeer, **Brian Ott** as Ragnvald and **Collin M. Purcell** as Trygve the Raven. Several of the actors play additional ensemble roles.

SNOW QUEEN is directed by **Nancy Rominger**, the Associate Artistic Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. In recent seasons Rominger directed highly successful productions of *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella* and *Charlotte's Web*, and most recently directed the 2017 ASF production of *A Christmas Carol*. The artistic team also includes Scenic Designer **Robert F. Wolin**, Costume Designer **Pamela Scofield**, Lighting Designer **Thomas Rodman**, Sound Designer **Brett Rominger**, Dramaturg **Susan Willis**, Fight Choreographer **Cory Lawson**, Production Assistant **Lonnell Lomax** and Stage Manager **Wyatt Silman**.

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The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is among the largest Shakespeare theatres in the world. Designated as The State Theatre of Alabama, ASF has been located in Montgomery since 1985 when it moved from Anniston as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Wynton M. Blount's gift of a performing arts complex set in the 250-acre Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park. This program has been made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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