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SummerTide returns to its roots for 15th Anniversary

Summer 2018 marks the fifteenth season for The University of Alabama's professional theatre company, SummerTide. To celebrate our anniversary, we are reviving our inaugural production, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, led by veteran SummerTide Director, Stacy Alley. In past years, she has brought *Ring of Fire*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, and *Smoke on the Mountain* to the beach. "I was in (and choreographed) the inaugural season of SummerTide, so *Pump Boys and Dinettes* holds a special place in my heart. I look forward to revisiting the show as director and sharing it with those who are unfamiliar with the story as well as our patrons who saw it the first time around."

Set off of Highway 57, the 'Pump Boys' of the local gas station and their neighbors, the 'Dinettes,' of the Double Cupp Diner come together for an evening of lively country western music played on instruments ranging from piano to cello to utensils. This musical has been enjoyed both on and off-Broadway and in Gulf Shores, and now we're back! Alley added that, "It is the perfect show for the George C. Meyer Performing Arts Center, utilizing a small cast and unit set, offering audience participation and a light-hearted night of entertainment after a relaxing day at the beach."

Pump Boys and Dinettes will run June 1 to June 29, 2018 at the George C. Meyer Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be available for purchase at SummerTide.org or by calling the George C. Meyer Performing Arts Center box office after May 28 at 251.968.6721.

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