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SummerTide Rides into Gulf Shores on Heavenly Harmonies

SummerTide – The University of Alabama’s professional summer theatre, returns to Gulf Shores for its sixteenth season. After celebrating its fifteenth anniversary last year with the sold-out *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, SummerTide will present *Forever Plaid*.

The production will be 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.” *Forever Plaid* is clean-cut fun for all ages. Anyone who’s watched the *Ed Sullivan Show* or danced at a prom to a song by The Four Aces will adore this show, as will younger audience members who may be introduced to this era and music for the first time.

Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie have devoted themselves to their vocal quartet, “*Forever Plaid*.” As luck would have it, they’re broadsided and killed instantly on the way to their first big gig. Now, they’re allowed to come back and perform the show they never had in life. This deliciously fun revue – featuring pop hits from the 1950s – opened in New York in 1989 and has since been produced worldwide. Alley added, “The intimacy of the theatre in the George C. Meyer Performing Arts Center provides the perfect setting for the show.”

Forever Plaid will run May 31 to June 28, 2019 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 27 at 251.968.6721.

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