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The Starkville Community Theatre will showcase the fun and excitement that goes on behind the scenes during its summer musical revue, "Backstage."

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"Last summer SCT presented a musical revue in conjunction with a silent auction to help raise funds for the theatre," said Tate. "The show was a huge success and we held a second revue in October. Because of the popularity of both shows, we wanted to offer another musical performance this summer."

"This summer's event will also be used to help raise funds for the theatre," Tate added. "We are offering two shows, Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19, and both shows will be followed by a fabulous

dessert reception. There is a minimum \$25 donation, which is tax-deductible, and reservations are required."

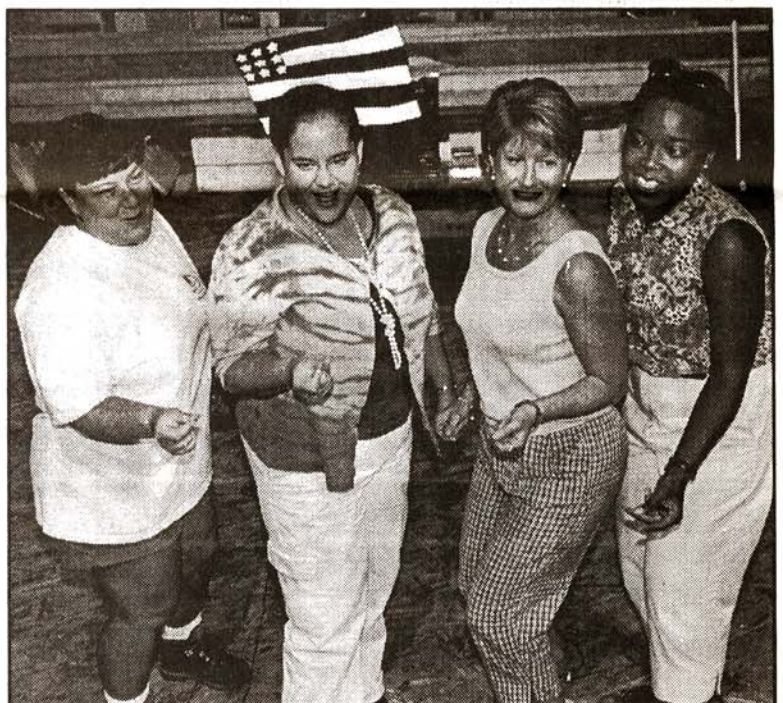
The Playhouse at Main seats 89 people and reservations are first-come, first-serve, Tate said.

"We will begin taking reservations (today) at 323-6855. Just leave a message and someone will call back to confirm," he said.

Archer said the cast has been in rehearsals for several weeks and is really looking forward to opening night.

"We have a tremendous cast — they have great talent and stage presence and fun personalities. They are really enjoying what they are doing and I think that will carry over to the audience," Archer said.

The show will feature such classic Broadway tunes as "New York, New York," "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better" and "Summer Nights," as well as pop tunes like "Make Me Lose Control," "Fever" and "When I Fall in Love." The show is also a little bit country, with numbers like "Crazy," and will feature a few standards including "Steppin' Out With My Baby" and "The Way You



Look Tonight."

Performing in the upcoming event are Allana Austin, Alan Brown, Patsy Douglas, M.J. Etua, Brian Hawkins, Madeline Golden, Paul Ruff and

Tate.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact the Starkville Community Theatre Box Office at 323-6855.