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NEPTUNE LOOKS TO CAST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR SUMMER PRODUCTION

Company will tour along the southeastern coast from April through July

TAMPA, Fla. – Many thespians follow their acting dreams from the high school auditorium to the professional stage, and then for a few, to Broadway. But from April through July, young aspiring actors and actresses in five southeastern cites will have a chance to perform alongside Broadway veterans on a famed afloat stage.

For its summer production "Anything Goes," the travelling Neptune Theatre Company is holding online auditions for local high school students at each touring destination to fill two walk-on roles. Along the tour, Neptune's signature John Galt boat will dock for performances in Savannah, Ga.; Wilmington, N.C.; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Jacksonville, Fla., before closing the season at its base in Tampa, Fla.

The students chosen – one male and one female for every location – will work alongside Neptune's professional cast, including Broadway veterans John Barrowman and Sutton Foster, for the performances in their respective city.

"[Casting high school students] has been something we have been doing for the past six years," said Neptune's artistic director Arisia Gilmore. "Neptune was established more than 45 years ago to bring the unique experience of enjoying quality theatre on a boat around the nation. What we're doing now is extending this legacy by inviting people, particularly potential actors and actresses, to enjoy quality theatre through not just viewing, but being a part of it."

Neptune will hold auditions through its website for each location. High school students can submit a recorded monologue of one or two minutes. The monologue topic is open, although Gilmore suggested participants take into consideration the roles for which they want to audition.

The chosen students will be notified two weeks before the first performance in their respective city. They will then rehearse with the cast one week before the performance.

Specific dates for auditions and performances at each location, as well as ticket information, can be found on Neptune's website, www.neptunetampa.com.