

DRAMA: unfolds at the Joy with the premier of 'Liberty Mountain'

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Revolution in the southern colonies. It set off a chain of events that led to the British surrender at Yorktown a year later.

Producing such a sweeping epic for the stage requires the talent, dedication, and theatre know-how of a host of people. There are 68 members of the cast – men, women and children – led by director Caleb Sigmon. They will present a fast-moving saga that intimately involves the audience in the experience. Each cast mem-

ber will wear a costume that reflects the authentic clothing of the time, meticulously researched and hand-sewn by costumer Katy Biser and a dedicated team of volunteers. Special effects, including lighting and an original musical score, will give a rich texture to the story.

"Liberty Mountain" is the brainchild of a core of Kings Mountain civic leaders – Jim Champion, Shirley Brutko, Rick Dancy and Jerry Ledford – who began talking and meeting months ago. Few communities in

the nation have such a piece of history as the Kings Mountain National Military Park at their doorstep, and the steering committee wanted to produce a drama that would celebrate the significance of the battle and bring national recognition to

Kings Mountain. Their inspiration and insight, along with many hours of hard work, come to fruition Friday evening with the premier performance. The world premier the first two weekends in October will mark just the beginning.

"Liberty Mountain" will be produced and performed for a month every summer, beginning June 26, 2015. Supporters expect to draw audiences from all over the world to see how the Kings Mountain victory played such a crucial role in Amer-

ica's eventual independence from Great Britain.

Producers expect sell-out performances for the first run of the play, but some tickets are still available by calling 704-730-9408 or online at www.kmliberty-mountain.com.

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Liberty Mountain, the Battle of Kings Mountain Drama which opens to the public for two performances Saturday and Sunday and again next weeked at Joy Theatre, features a large cast. Some of the cast members are pictured from left, front row, Bella Sherrin, Stetson McDaniel, Phylcia Eubanks and Makylah Reid. Back row, from left, Mary Grace Keller, Greg Dixon and Bridget Allen.

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MUSIC: to sound throughout KM for Gateway Fest



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Center and the Kings Mountain Art Depot. Admission is free to all the activities. For additional information call 704-734-0333 or visit www.CityofKM.com for additional information and applications to the Cute Critters Pet Competition, the Pumpkin Roll, and the Pie Baking contests.

Keith Ramey and the Timberidge Bluegrass Band (above), along with Dirty Grass Soul (at right) are two of the bands that will be featured at the Gateway Festival October 11 at Patriots Park in downtown Kings Mountain.



Since 70 plus actors and actresses will be on the stage of "Liberty Mountain" depicting characters at the 1780 Battle of Kings Mountain the director thought it appropriate for them to see where all the action took place 234 years ago. Pictured at the Kings Mountain Battleground at the Kings Mountain National Military Park are some members of the cast.

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