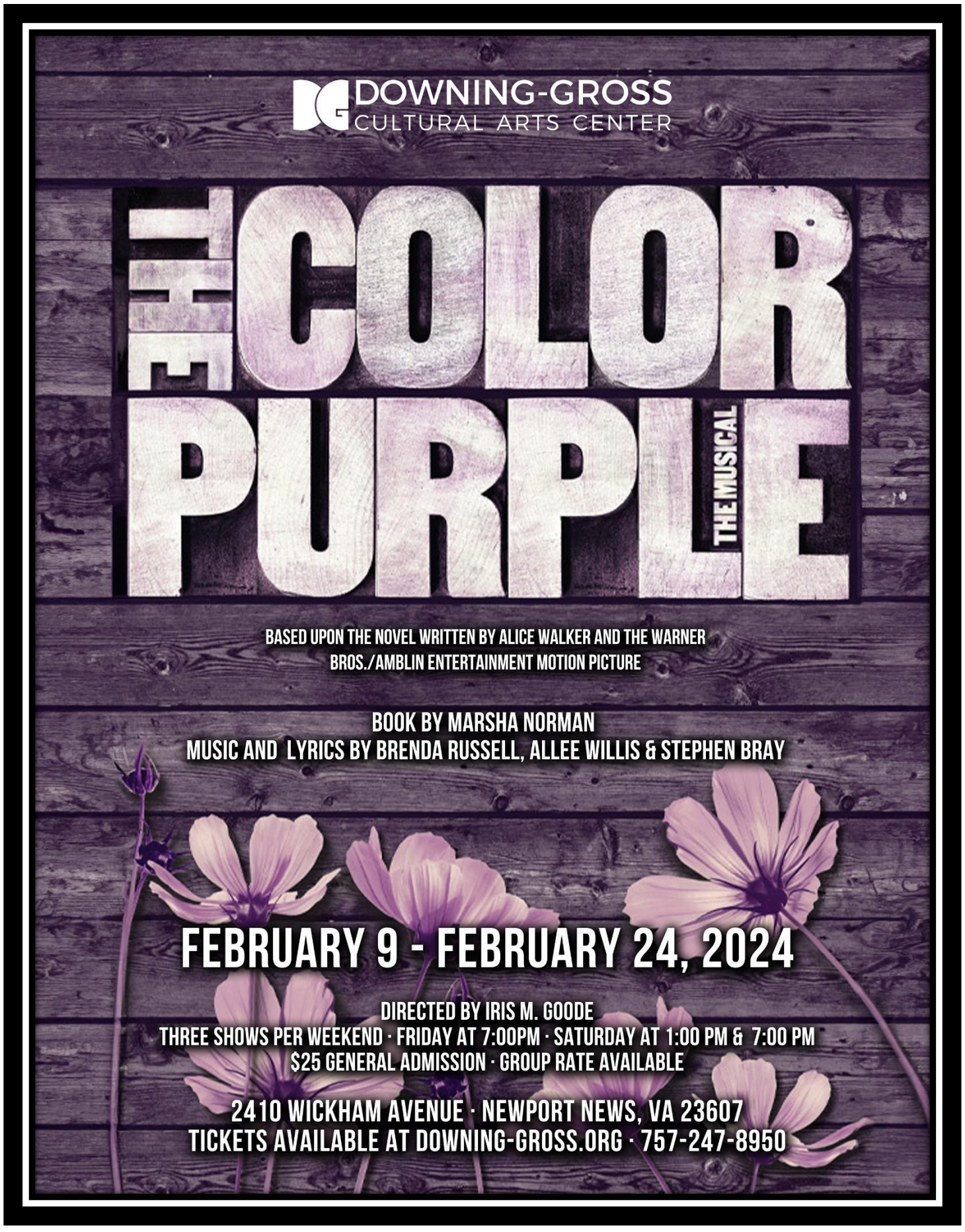

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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY BRENDA RUSSELL, ALLEE WILLIS & STEPHEN BRAY
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THE COLOR PURPLE is an inspiring family saga that tells the unforgettable story of a woman who, through love, finds the strength to triumph over adversity and discover her unique voice in the world. This musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (and the popular 1985 Steven Spielberg film) spotlights Celie, a downtrodden young woman whose personal awakening over the course of 40 years forms the arc of this epic story. With a joyous score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, African music and blues,THE COLOR PURPLE is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love and a celebration of life. With a book by Marsha Norman and music and lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray,THE COLOR PURPLE premiered at the Alliance Theatre Company in Atlanta, Georgia and opened on Broadway on November 1, 2005. It was nominated for eleven 2006 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book, and Best Original Score. The London off-West End production opened on Broadway in 2015, winning the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

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THE COLOR PURPLE was produced on Broadway at the Broadway Theater by Oprah Winfrey, Scott Sanders, Roy Furman, and Quincy Jones. The world premiere of THE COLOR PURPLE was produced by the Alliance Theatre, Atlanta, Georgia.

CAST

Celie	Chasida Taylor
Nettie 1	Anastasia Conyers
Nettie 2	Victoria Manning
Sofia, Sofia sister 1	Starena Anthony
Sofia, Sofia sister 2	Ciana Bibbs
Shug 1	Charlene Bell
Shug 2	Charity Robinson
Squeak 1	Kiara Noble
Squeak 2	KaJohnna Johnson
Preacher	Shelby Pankey
Ol' Mister/Ensemble	James Miller
Mister	Lu Chambers
Harpo	Derrion Hawkins
Church Lady Jareene 1	Tawanda Prince
Church Lady Jareene 2	Parrish Armstrong
Church Lady Doris 1	Deedra Chambers
Church Lady Doris 2	Sheila Jones
Church Lady Darlene 1	Joye Thompkins
Church Lady Darlene 2	Brenae Williams

Ensemble	Allison Aheart	*Sofia sis*
	Lashaunda Carter	*Sofia sis*
	Candyce St. Clair	*Sofia sis*
	Kimberly Blunt	
	Kamiya Pierce	*Young Celie, Olivia*
	Nick Thompson	*Adam, Bobby*
	Jeffery Jones	*Pa*
	Kameron Peters	*Grady*
	Aristle Jones IV	*Guard*
	Shelby Pankey	*Preacher, Buster, Chief*
	Rai Gaines	
	Baylor Leary	*Young Nettie, Mr.'s kid*
	Princeton Middleton	*Young Harpo*
	Cameron Lloyd	*Mr.'s kid*
	Salem Idowu-Elisma	*Mr.'s kid, young Adam*
	Katherine Duck	*Mr.'s kid, Henrietta, Young Olivia*
	Elenah Marie Anthony	*Henrietta*
	Eliza Cade Anthony	*Harpo/Sofia kid*
	Sol Rae Edmund	*Young Nettie*

Director, Choreographer	Iris Goode
Music Director	Sherrod Brown
Assistant Director/ Stage Manager	Shanadiah Nicole
Producer	James Cooper
Stage Manager	Angela Gilliam
Stage Hand	Sonya
Wardrobe Assistant	Gwen Butler
Sound	House Music Productions