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North Alexander School Association and Washington Little Theater Establish New Collaborative Partnership

Washington, GA — The North Alexander School Association (NASA) and Washington Little Theater Company (WLT) are pleased to announce a new collaborative partnership to strengthen the future of the historic North Alexander School building and expand community access to education, arts, and cultural programming.

Through this partnership, WLT will provide strategic guidance to NASA through a majority presence on the NASA Board of Directors. WLT will help manage the building's redevelopment and operations, and will strengthen NASA's ability to restore the building to its former glory and use it for arts, education, and cultural programs. The two organizations will remain independent, mission-driven nonprofit entities, working side by side to support a shared vision for the building to better serve the Washington-Wilkes community.

WLT's decades of success, consistent arts programming, and community engagement provide a strong foundation for its new role of management and strategic leadership. NASA – steward of the North Alexander School building – has a long history of faithfully preserving the building to enable it to once again contribute to the community. Together, the organizations will be well positioned to build stability, encourage regular use, and open new opportunities for the community while honoring and redeveloping the iconic building, designed by renowned architect R. H. Hunt and opened in 1897.

The partnership reflects a mutual commitment to preserving Washington's cultural assets while providing a strategy for thoughtful stewardship, renewed community activity, and long-term sustainability. Plans will be developed to focus on expanded access to the arts, educational opportunities, and community activities to allow the North Alexander School to become an active, vibrant community-centered space.

"This partnership is an important and strategic step forward by building on our shared values, goals, and opportunities," said NASA President Henry Harris, "NASA remains committed to preserving the school's legacy while ensuring the historic structure becomes active, contributing, and sustainable. This new partnership with the Washington Little Theater is a wonderful way to strengthen our future while honoring our past."

"We're honored to work alongside NASA." Jason LeBlanc, Artistic Director for WLT, said, "We have always viewed NASA as a 'sister organization' due to our proximity and shared history, and our new partnership allows us to officially work together with a unique opportunity to build something meaningful and lasting for our community. These two buildings – the North Alexander School, and our Bolton Lunceford Playhouse which was once the school's gymnasium – originally served together as an integral part of our community. This new partnership will allow them to once again serve our community together."

The North Alexander School Association was founded in 1990 to preserve and restore the historic North Alexander School building, which was built in 1897 by architect R. H. Hunt. A registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, their mission is to provide cultural, educational and economic opportunities through the historic North Alexander School for citizens of Washington-Wilkes and surrounding communities. Learn more at NorthAlexanderSchool.com

The Washington Little Theater Company is one of the oldest continuously-running 501(c)(3) registered non-profit performing arts theater companies in Georgia. Founded in 1971, they have served the Wilkes county community for over 54 years by producing live theatrical performances with entirely volunteer casts. Their mission is to encourage and promote the development of regional talent and interest in the dramatic and performing arts. For the past 48 years they have called the Bolton Lunceford Playhouse at 313 C North Alexander Ave their home (adjacent to the North Alexander school). They are led by Artistic Director Jason LeBlanc and President Rose Weser. Learn more at WashingtonLittleTheater.org