

“Antebellum’

Casting :

Saturday March 3 from 4-7 or Sunday March 4 from 1-3

Downtown Franklin, Tennessee -
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Shooting Dates:

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A young girl in the antebellum South finds a locked wooden box while playing on her family's plantation and is warned that opening it will only release evil.



Synopsis:

A young girl in the antebellum South finds a locked wooden box in a creek while playing on her family's plantation. She brings it home to her mother who tells her that she should put it back instantly because it's dirty. However, the family's house slave, Annie, seems to sense something about the box. Susan is curious about the contents of the box so she decides to disobey her mother, as she often does, and keep the box until she can find a way to open it. That night, Susan's mother and father host a dinner party. Susan's father is a general for the newly formed confederacy and he and the dinner guests discuss the impending war. After dinner he goes up to Susan's room and reads her Pandora's myth for a bedtime story. Meanwhile Annie, who comes from a long line of mystics, has seen the future of the box and what it contains and does a ritual to create a key to open the box. The next day Susan again tries to open the box to no avail. She comes inside defeated where she finds the key that Annie purposely placed for her to find. Susan runs up to her room eager to finally know the contents of the box. Thinking of Pandora's myth she hesitates upon inserting the key into the lock, but her curiosity gets the best of her and she hastily unlocks and opens the box. Instantly a knock is heard on the door downstairs. Susan's father the general opens it and he is informed that Lincoln has declared war on the South and he is needed immediately.

Character Needs:

- **General**- man age 40-50
 - The general is Susan's father. He is a general for the newly formed confederacy. He is calm, honest and loyal. He encourages Susan's adventurous ways and is very loving with her while often reserved with others.
- **Elizabeth**-woman age 30-40
 - Elizabeth is Susan's mother. She wants things to always be very formal and proper. She puts a lot of importance on what society thinks of her, her family, and her home. She is often frustrated with Susan's wild ways. She is often nervous and worried but tries to keep her emotions in control often, which results in her having a very cold demeanor.
- **Annie**-woman age 40+
 - Annie is the family's house slave. She is quiet and reserved around them but has a spooky air about her. When Susan finds the box Annie is the only adult who seems to react.
- **Susan**-girl age 6-10
 - Susan is an only child so growing up she learned how to entertain herself. She loves exploring and is constantly playing around the family's plantation.
- **Extras**- men and women for dining room scene, young soldier, and other slaves