
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

Jack Benny Center for the Arts

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To: Local Media
From: Claudia Freeman, Superintendent of Cultural Arts
Date: May 28, 2009
RE: **Press Release:** Bowen Park Theatre's **HAMLET** auditions.

Bowen Park Theatre Company Auditions

Waukegan IL June 1, 2009 Auditions for the Bowen Park Theatre Company's production of William Shakespeare's full-length drama *HAMLET* will be held on Sunday, June 21 from 4-9 pm and Monday, June 22 from 5 – 9 pm. Jason Clark is the Waukegan Park District Bowen Park Theatre Company's Artistic Director. *HAMLET* will be directed by returning director, Eibhlin Glennon. *HAMLET* is Shakespeare's longest play and among the most powerful and influential tragedies in the English language. Auditions will be held at Lilac Cottage, 1911 N. Sheridan Road (south entrance to Bowen Park at Joseph Favero Drive,) Waukegan Illinois. The performances will be held in the Dr. Lynn Schornick Theatre, October 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24, 2009.

Please bring a headshot and acting resume and be prepared with a 2-minute classical dramatic monologue. There is pay for some parts. All parts are open. Please call 847-360-4740 for an audition time and be prepared to stay for the hour time slot.

This cast has roles for 22 men and 2 women. Gertrude 45-60, Ophelia 18-late 20's, 2 older men 50 and older, and 20 men of various ages from 18 and older.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916 the district has 47 properties and 720 acres of land, which includes the 18-hole Bonnie Brook Golf Course and the 9-hole Greenshire Golf Course. The District operates recreational centers, the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor sports courts and fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, the Waukegan Skate Park, and the Waukegan BMX track. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages including special populations. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, the Bowen Park Opera Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. Sixty-seven authorized full-time staff and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal and temporary employees. The district is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation and is also accredited with the Park District Risk Management Agency and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program.

Additional Information: Contact Claudia Freeman
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Theatre Reviewers: please contact the Center in advance for professional comp/media night

Photos : will be available two weeks before opening night