

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Audition Notice for the Bowen Park Theatre's Winter Production

Waukegan, IL (October 7, 2015) The Waukegan Park District's Bowen Park Theatre (847-360-4740) is holding an open call for the play, AGNES OF GOD, that will be on the Schornick stage in late January and into February. Auditions will be held on Sunday, October 18, from noon to 5:30pm and Monday, October 19, from 5:30 to 9:00pm at the Schornick Theatre in Goodfellow Hall, 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan IL 60087.

Actors are asked to bring in a headshot and résumé to the audition and are asked to prepare a two-minute dialogue. There will also be a cold read from the script. If auditioning for Agnes, please be prepared to sing a short hymn. Agnes (Female) – 18-mid to late 20's, innocent, very meek and humble in nature. Singing required for Agnes only. Strong soprano preferred. Dr. Martha Livingstone (Female) – Early 30's to mid to late forties. A psychiatrist and religious skeptic, she is a smoker and will display this throughout the show. Mother Miriam Ruth (Female) – Mother Superior. Late 40's to mid to late 50's has very strong faith, opinions and presence and is very protective.

Actors are invited to set up an audition time by contacting the Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740 or by contacting staff at cfreeman@waukeganparks.org. The play will run from January 29, 30, and February 5, 6, 7*, 12, 13, 14*, 2016. Curtain is at 8 pm and Sunday matinees* have a 3 pm curtain.

Agnes of God is a play by John Pielmeier which tells the story of a novice nun who gives birth and insists that the child is the result of a virgin conception. A psychiatrist and the

mother superior of the convent clash during the investigation. No other characters are on the stage. This play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

There is pay, however, Bowen Park Theatre is non-Equity. The auditions and the theatre are located at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts located in Bowen Park, 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan IL 60087. Rehearsals will take place in Waukegan. For directions or assistance, please call 847-360-4740 during regular business hours M-Th 10 am to 9 pm, F 10 am-5 pm, and Sat 9am to 4 pm. Auditions for the remainder of the season include Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* on December 6 and 7.

The Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, Bowen Park Theatre and the multi-disciplinary programming of the Jack Benny Center for the Arts are partially funded through a grant provided by the Illinois Arts Council, a State of Illinois agency. To learn more about the performing arts season, cultural arts programming, questions on auditions and to order season tickets for the Bowen Park Theatre or the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, please call the Jack Benny Center for the Arts 847-360-4740 or stop by the Center in Bowen Park at 39 Jack Benny Drive in Waukegan, IL.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 725 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 59 full-time 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 national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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