

# WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

### Audition Notice for the Bowen Park Theatre's Spring Production

**Waukegan, IL (January 11, 2016)** The Bowen Park Theatre is seeking physical actors who are comfortable with heightened text, creating characters, and working as an ensemble, for a colorblind spring production of William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors." This is Shakespeare's shortest and most farcical of his comedies. The play is about two sets of twins who are separated at birth, mishaps due to mistaken identities and is filled with Shakespeare's puns and word play. Performances run March 25 to April 10, 2016. Friday and Saturday performances have an 8 pm curtain and Sunday matinees are at 3 pm.

Most actors will be playing multiple roles, so actors who enjoy creating characters are encouraged to audition. Director Alicia Hall of Moving Dock Theatre/Chekhov Studio Chicago; will be using some tools of the Michael Chekhov technique in the rehearsal process. Actors need not have prior experience with the technique.

Initial auditions will take place on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 12-5:30 pm. It is requested that all interested actors please call 847-360-4740 to reserve a time slot for the Sunday ONLY auditions. Please bring a headshot and resume and prepare 1, approximately one minute long piece of comedic classical text. Group callbacks will be held Monday, January 25th from 5:00-8:30pm. Actors must be available for both the Sunday and Monday auditions.

There is pay. 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. For directions or

assistance, please call 847-360-4740 during regular business hours, M-Th 10 am to 9 pm, Fr 10 am to 5 pm and Sa 9 am to 4 pm. Offices are closed Sundays.

### **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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