



PRESS RELEASE

BOWEN PARK THEATRE COMPANY OPEN AUDITIONS FOR *THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL*

June 8, 1-4pm

June 9, 6-8:30pm

Waukegan, IL (May 19 2014)—WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION -- Auditions will take place on Sunday, June 8, from 1 - 4 pm and Monday, June 9, from 6 – 8:30 pm at the Dr. Lynn Schornick Theatre in the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL 60087. The director for the Bowen Park Theatre Company's production of Horton Foote's *The Trip to Bountiful* is Mary Reynard-Liss. The play premiered on NBC television on March 1, 1953. It subsequently premiered on Broadway at Henry Miller's Theatre in November 1953 for a run of 39 performances.

Performances for *The Trip to Bountiful* will take place September 27, 28, October 4, 5, 11, and 12, 2014 at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts' Schornick Theatre, 39 Jack Benny Drive-Bowen Park, Waukegan, IL. All performances will be at 8 pm with the exception of the Sunday matinees on October 6 and 13 at 3 pm.

The production requires three females and six males- female actor is in her late 60s, female actor in late 30s and a female actor in her early 20s. The six male actors range between 20 to 60+ years of age. Auditions will be an open call with cold readings from the script. The play involves a "woman who has to live with a daughter-in-law who hates her and a son who does not dare take her side." While the unhappy family lives in a Houston apartment, Carrie Watts dreams of returning to Bountiful, where she was raised. She eventually runs away and embarks by bus to her destination. She meets several people along the way and upon her arrival; her son and daughter-in-law whisk her back to Houston.

Those interested in auditioning may call to check availability at 847-360-4740 and actors must bring a headshot and resume to the audition. Bowen Park Theatre Company is a professional, non-Equity company that was established in 1987. The Illinois Arts Council, a State of Illinois agency, partially supports the Jack Benny Center for the Arts through a multi-disciplinary grant. This play is presented through special permission and rights through Dramatists Play Service, Inc. There is pay for most roles.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 47 properties and 720 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, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. 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 57 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 Districts' (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.