



PRESS RELEASE

BOWEN PARK THEATRE COMPANY AUDITIONS FOR *OF MICE AND MEN*

Waukegan, IL (October 7, 2014)—WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION – Artistic Director of the Bowen Park Theatre Company, Jason Clark is pleased to announce that auditions for *Of Mice and Men* will take place on Monday, October 13 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 bonus production of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is Shawn Fitzgerald.

Of Mice and Men performances will take place February 6, 7, 13, 14, 15*, 20, 21, and 22*, 2015 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 February 15th and 22nd at 3 pm. There are nine male roles and one female role.

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.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 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 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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