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**BOWEN PARK THEATRE COMPANY OPEN AUDITIONS FOR
*More Fun than Bowling***

Waukegan, IL November 25, 2014—WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION -- Auditions will take place on Sunday, December 7 from 1 - 4 pm and Monday, December 8 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 Steven Dietz's *More Fun than Bowling* is Bowen Park Theatre's Artistic Director, Jason Clark. According to the Washington Times, "A very funny and eccentrically philosophical comedy. Mr. Dietz is a...writer with a distinct comic voice. He shows us that life and certainly, death is a lot like bowling."

Performances for *More Fun than Bowling* will take place April 10, 11, 17, 18, 19*, 24, 25 and 26*, 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 two Sunday matinees on April 19 and 26 at 3 pm.

The production requires two males and three females – 3 F actors with one playing a 16 year old, and two F actors in their mid-20s to 30s. The 2 M actors range between 20 to 60+ years of age with the lead character playing a mid-30s to 40s age range. Auditions will be an open call with cold readings from the script. The play involves a mid-

westerner who had a promising future as a concert musician but a foul-tip baseball and the fact that his fingers healed into a perfect bowler's grip, changes his life forever. And you thought that life was "like a box of chocolates"!

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 Samuel French. There is pay for most roles.

Additional Information:

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BOWEN PARK THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

MORE FUN

Than **BOWLING**

by Steven Dietz
Directed by Jason Clark

April | 10 | 11 | 17 | 18 | 19* | 24 | 25 | 26* | 2015

Curtain is at 8pm and *Sunday Matinee is at 3pm
Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

Tickets
\$20 Adult
\$15 Senior/Military
\$10 Student

Dr. Lynn Schornick Theatre
39 Jack Benny Drive, Bowen Park, Waukegan, IL
Groups Welcome! Call 847 360 4740.
Always FREE parking for the BPTC productions

About the Waukegan Park District

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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, years 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.