

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT
Jack Benny Center for the Arts

To: Local Media
From: Claudia Freeman-Petrusky, Superintendent of Cultural Arts
Date: March 9, 2007
RE: Press Release: Bowen Park Theatre's **Bleacher Bums** opens March 30th

PRESS RELEASE

March 30th will be opening day for ***Bleacher Bums*** at Schornick Field (Dr. Lynn Schornick Theatre.) Team manager (Director) Jason Clark has his starting lineup ready to entertain you, with the first pitch at 8 p.m. If you cannot make it for opening night-- games will also be played under the lights (8 p.m. curtain) March 31, April 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21. There will only be one "day game" (3 p.m. curtain) on April 15. Whether you bleed Cubby Blue or support the South Side Sox, you will enjoy this side-splitting nine-inning comedy conceived by Chicago's own Joe Mantegna and written by The Organic Theater Company. Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

In the bleachers at Chicago's Wrigley Field, die hard Cub fans root for their team. The group includes a rabid cheerleader, a blind man who follows the game by transistor radio and does his own play by play, a bathing beauty, a nerd and various other bleacher denizens. As the game proceeds, they bet among themselves on every conceivable event, go out for frosty malts or beers, try to pick up the bathing beauty and, occasionally, watch the game. The Cubs inevitably blow it in the ninth and the villainous Marvin, who always bets against the Cubs figuring he can't lose, cleans up. The bleacher bums remain undaunted as they will be back tomorrow to root for the home team.

Are you ready for opening day? Bowen Park Theatre Company is! Call Jack Benny Center for the Arts 847-360-4740 or stop by 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan IL 60087 in beautiful Bowen Park. Group rates are available for groups of 20 or more, call us for details. The Bowen Park Theatre Company, a professional theatre company is sponsored by the Waukegan Park District's Cultural Arts Division, a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a State of Illinois agency and Yellow Book.

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Additional Information:

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