



News Release

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The Sheboygan Theatre Company announces that open auditions for the comedy “Escanaba in da Moonlight,” will take place on Tuesday, January 25.

Rick Ponzio, from last year’s “Plaza Suite,” returns to direct the deer camp comedy, sponsored by Sargento. Written by Jeff Daniels, there is a possibility of at least seven roles.

The five male roles start with the insecure but determined Reuben Soady, who is 35 and has never shot a buck. His brother Remnar Soady, age 33 and accomplished deer hunter, is Reuben’s opposite by being coarse, a little slow and very superstitious. Their father, Albert Soady, is in his early 60’s. Albert is a veteran hunter, earthy and very direct. He also acts as sort of the narrator. Up next is Jimmer Negamanee, a friend of the family who is spacey, intense and has a slight speech impediment. Finally there is Ranger Tom T. Treado, a DNR officer who just saw God and has been transformed by his vision.

For female roles, the most prominent is Wolf Moon Dance Soady, Reuben’s Native American wife. She is in her 30’s and is rather mystical. Dancing skills are preferable and knowledge of Native American dance would be helpful. The director is also looking for a woman or women with strong, flexible voices to be the Eerie Voices, spirits from the woods.

For the audition, candidates do not need to bring prepared material. If possible, the director would like those auditioning to bring a photo, a digital image is fine. Everyone will be given numerous opportunities to audition for a variety of roles. Direction may be given, but since you will be allowed more than one opportunity, no one need feel anxious about “getting it right the first time.” The audition will involve reading selected scenes from the script.

Initial auditions will take place at the Horace Mann Middle School Choir Room, 2820 Union Avenue, Sheboygan, on Tuesday, January 25, beginning at 6:30. If callbacks are required they will be held at 7:30 on Wednesday, January 26.

Over an eight-week period there will be approximately 24 rehearsals, the majority of which will be Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30 – 10:00 pm and Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Scripts are available for loan through the Theatre Company’s office in the Community Recreation Department. They may be picked up Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. but must be returned to the Community Recreation Department by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

For further information contact the Theatre Company office at 459-3779.