



# News Release

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The Sheboygan Theatre Company announces that open auditions for the homegrown comedy "Cheeseheads, the Musical," will take place on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

Catie O'Donnell from Verona, Wis. will be directing this Sheboygan comedy, sponsored by Sargento. This will be the first time this show will be presented outside of Door County's American Folklore Theatre, where it premiered.

The show is an ensemble production, which means every one of the seven roles is important and has their own character. The story is about a local cheese factory that gets bought up by a big corporation after their owner dies. They struggle to adapt to the "corporate" way of doing things.

There are five male roles available. The character of Dan is the leader of the group. He is the supervisor on the production line. He is outgoing, welcoming and organizes the lotto purchases. Doc Muenster is the head cheese culturist who is mostly in the back room only making occasional appearances. He is always trying to make the perfect cheese. The character Gizmo is a worker in the production line who is obsessed with technology and the newest electronics. Bobby is a young man who was a local football star who came back to town searching, which translates to a lot of dating. And the final male role is that of Thursday. Thursday doesn't speak, yet he acts as a sort of narrator for the show and is the caretaker for the factory.

The female roles for the show include Natalie and Melanie. Natalie works on the factory's production line. She is a bit nerdy and shy but she's a very loyal friend. She also has a huge crush on her best friend, Bobby. Melanie is the exact opposite of Natalie. Melanie is a big city woman. She is a corporate process specialist brought in to trim the fat and whip the factory into shape.

All those auditioning should prepare two contrasting 32 bar songs. Also, anyone auditioning should prepare a joke to tell. This is fun comedic show and the director will be looking for actors with a sense of humor. Age ranges for the male roles are 18 to 60, while the two female roles can be around 20 to 40.

Initial auditions will take place at the Horace Mann Middle School Band Room, 2820 Union Avenue, Sheboygan, on Wednesday, January 25, beginning at 6:30. If callbacks are required they will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, January 26. A kick-off party will be held Friday, January 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Horace Mann Cafeteria. All are welcome to meet the cast, crew and director.

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 Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

For further information contact the Theatre Company office at 459-3779 or visit the website at [sheboygantheatercompany.com](http://sheboygantheatercompany.com).