

Sunshine Boys Auditions

By Neil Simon

Directed by Paul Bott

When: Aug. 21, 7:00pm

Where: Sutter Street Theatre Annex, 710 Figueroa Street, Folsom

Rehearsal Dates: September 26 – November 3, Monday through Thursday evenings

Performance Dates: November 4 through November 27, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 4:30pm

What to Bring: A headshot and resume if you have them.

The audition will consist of cold readings from the script.

Synopsis: Al and Willie as “Lewis and Clark” were top-billed vaudevillians for over forty years. Now they aren’t even speaking. When CBS requests them for a “History of Comedy” retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries, and laughs. The story follows the attempt by a young theatrical agent to re-unite his elderly uncle, a former vaudevillian great, with his long-time stage partner for a TV reunion. Despite their celebrated reputation, the two old men have not spoken in twelve years. Besides remastering their sketch, the two men have numerous issues to work out before they are ready to return to the public eye.

Characters Needed:

Willie Clark The role of Willie Clark is pre- cast.

Ben Silverman: age 30-40 Willys nephew and agent, Ben cares very much for his uncle and really looks up to him, he tries to find work for Willy, but his age and personality make this a very difficult task. Ben is a practical hard-working family man and did not inherit any of his uncle’s sense of comedy.

Al Lewis: The role of Al Lewis is pre-cast.

Patient: age 30-50 an actor playing the role of a patient for the TV broadcast; overacting a bit, he often comes across as a hypochondriac.

Eddie: age 21-30 a young Production assistant, everything rolls down onto Eddie shoulders and he is carrying a great weight trying to get this production ready for broadcast

Burlesque Nurse: age 21-30 another character for the TV show; this character’s purpose is to be the object of lewd sexual jokes; she should be blonde and curvy.

Registered Nurse: age 35-60 seasoned “veteran” of home health care, a little tired, a little cranky, a little bossy and VERY funny.