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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: AUDITIONS FOR CHRISTMAS & FEBRUARY SHOWS

Old Fort Players will be multi-tasking next week (October 19, 21 and 24) as they audition for the next two upcoming productions. Time between the two shows is limited with the holidays so in order to get scripts to the actors in plenty of time before the February performances as many of those roles as possible will be cast from the same auditions as the December play.

Actors can read for “It’s A Wonderful Life: A LIVE Radio Play” by Joe Landry to be performed December 3-5 & 10-12, 2021. Produced by Special Arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com), this beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. This show will be directed by Kelly Shields. The cast can include from four to ten men, women and children of various ages, all of whom will fill multiple roles. Actors will not need to memorize lines or change costumes. This is a great chance for those who have never been in a play before and those who feel a bit rusty.

Actors will also be able to audition for director Dorothy Schulte’s production of “Dearly Beloved” which runs February 4-6 & 11-13, 2022. This Jones, Hope, Wooten Comedy is produced by Special Arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. “It’s written by the authors of ‘The Dixie Swim Club’ which was a big hit for us,” Schulte said. “It’s also the first in a trilogy that we are hoping to continue in the coming seasons.” This hilarious southern fried comedy calls for eleven actors: six women (3 - age 30-60’s, 2 - age 30-40’s, 1 - age 20-30’s) five men (4 - age 30-50, 1 - age 20-30’s). It follows an over-the-top wedding, three feuding sisters and a church full of small town eccentrics. What could possibly go wrong? Desperate to make this antebellum-themed wedding an elegant affair, it soon becomes obvious that Fate has other plans.

Drop by the OFP downtown location October 19 & 21 starting at 7pm. Also, that Sunday, October 24, auditions start at 6pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from either script. No experience or preparation is necessary. Also needed are volunteers to fill in as Stage Managers and as a Sound and Lights Technicians. Experience is preferred but not required for either of these and training will be provided.

Sponsors for the season include Lee County Bank, Jim Baier Ford and partners include the Fort Madison Daily Democrat and Scotts, with Connections Bank also contributing.

Last season would have been Old Fort Players’ 40th anniversary but the celebration was postponed due to CoVid. So this will be the “40+1 Anniversary Season.” The theater is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Send a Facebook message, send an email to oldfortplayersfm@gmail.com or call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook (Fb@oldfortplayers) or visit www.oldfortplayers.com to keep up with everything that’s going on at the theater.