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Village's Theatre Troupe Holds Auditions for Oklahoma!



The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe has chosen Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! as its summer musical.

Oklahoma! was Rodgers and Hammerstein's first musical with the original Broadway production opening on March 31, 1943. It was a box office hit, running for 2212 performances. The pair won a special Pulitzer Prize in 1944 for the show and the 1955 film adaptation won an Academy Award.

"Adults will remember this show because it's a favorite among high school and community theater groups," Carnivele said. "The kids who are in the show will learn about an American Broadway classic. This is one of the best parts of having kids in our musicals, helping them learn about the Broadway greats," she said.

Auditions will be held Sunday, March 15 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the village's Cultural Center, 14760 Park Lane. Auditions for adults only will also be offered on Monday, March 16 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with call backs on Tuesday, March 17, if necessary.

Strong roles for both leading and supporting male and female characters are available. Auditions are open to those ages seven and older. Everyone auditioning must be able to read and they must be prepared to sing 16 measures of a prepared piece of music from the show.

A dance audition piece will be taught and if necessary, those auditioning may be asked to remain and read from the script. Once cast, participants must pay the \$35 registration fee.

Rehearsals will be held at the Cultural Center March 22 to June 7. The cast will rehearse on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. and on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Performances will be at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center June 12, 13 and 14.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-PARK.