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**LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE HOLDS OPEN AUDITIONS  
FOR OCTOBER GHOST PLAY: THE WOMAN IN BLACK**

**LAKE WORTH, Florida (May 27, 2009)** – Open auditions for WOMAN IN BLACK, a ghost play by Stephen Mallatrat will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 15 & 16, 2009 at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. No appointment is necessary.

Director Pat Mackin returns to the Playhouse after directing the critically acclaimed 2006 production of THE IMMIGRANT. He is eager to helm this spine-chilling ghost story, which is based on the popular horror novel by Susan Hill. THE WOMAN IN BLACK runs October 30 and 31 at 8:00 on the Playhouse main stage.

**Audition Info**

This is an open call. Actors will be asked to give cold readings from the script, and are encouraged to read the script prior to the audition. The Lake Worth Playhouse is a not-for-profit community theatre. Actors are not paid for appearing in Lake Worth Playhouse productions.

**Casting Breakdown**

The Playhouse seeks actors to play the following roles:

- **Arthur Kipps** - A middle-aged attorney who enlists the services of a professional actor to help him re-enact the traumatic events of his youth. The actor playing this role will be required to portray a number of different characters, voices, ages, types, etc.
- **Actor**- A young man who plays the role of the "young Kipps" in the re-enactment of his ghostly event.
- **The Woman in Black** - A non-speaking but essential role for women ages 18 and up.

**About THE WOMAN IN BLACK**

A middle-aged lawyer rents a theatre and hires an actor to help him re-enact - and thereby, hopefully, exorcise - a ghostly event which befell him many years previously with horrifyingly tragic results. The event occurred when he attended the funeral of an elderly recluse. There he caught sight of the woman in black, the mere mention of whom terrifies the locals, for she is a specter who haunts the neighborhood where her illegitimate child was accidentally killed. Anyone who sees her dies. The lawyer has invited some friends to watch as he and the actor recreate the events of that dark and stormy night.

This is a spine-tingling tale told in the classic English ghost story tradition that has theatre critics issuing “haunting” warnings:

***A truly nerve-shredding experience!***

Daily Mail

***Don't go unless you like being scared out of your wits.***

Daily Telegraph

***If you haven't seen this show yet, you are missing a treat.***

Sunday Mirror

### **About the Lake Worth Playhouse**

Lake Worth Playhouse is a not-for-profit, non-equity community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, reinterpretations of classics, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, concert series and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

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