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**ACTORS NEEDED FOR NEIL SIMON'S BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS  
AT LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE**

**LAKE WORTH, Florida (August 27, 2009)** – Auditions for Neil Simon's BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS will be held on September 8 and September 9, 2009 at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. Actors auditioning for youth roles should come on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Actors auditioning for adult roles should come on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Thursday, September 10. This is an open casting call. All are invited to audition, and no appointment is necessary.

**Audition Info**

Actors will be asked to give a cold reading from the script; all are encouraged to read the script prior to the audition. A copy is available for review at the Lake Worth Playhouse box office.

The Lake Worth Playhouse is a not-for-profit community theatre. Actors are not paid for appearing in Lake Worth Playhouse productions.

**Casting**

The Playhouse seeks actors to play the following roles:

**Youth Roles**

- **Eugene Jerome** - A precocious teenage boy who has recently discovered girls in a big way. He longs to be a baseball player but, if that doesn't work out, he'll settle for being a writer.
- **Nora** - A beautiful and ambitious teenage girl with dreams of performing on Broadway.
- **Laurie** - A studious yet quietly mischievous adolescent girl who suffers from a heart flutter and uses it conveniently to get out of doing household chores.

## Adult Roles

- **Jack Jerome** - The patriarch of the family, he is a kind and patient man though occasionally drawn to ire, and he is sought out for advice on all matters concerning the family.
- **Kate Jerome** - The matriarch of the family, she is a strong, resilient woman who works every day in every way to hold her family together. She is opinionated and occasionally intolerant, but also very loyal and loving.
- **Blanche** - Kate's younger sister, she is recently widowed and feels guilty over having to depend on Kate and Jack to take care of her and her daughters.
- **Stanley Jerome** - A clean-cut young man in his early 20s who struggles between a sense of family obligation and a desire to break free and become his own man.

## About BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS

Set in the summer of 1937, this story draws on Neil Simon's own experiences growing up in a lower-middle-class family in Brighton Beach, New York. Fourteen year-old Eugene Jerome stands in for the author as the play's narrator, a young boy dealing with his own burgeoning sexual awareness while dreaming of playing baseball for his beloved New York Yankees. Through Eugene's eyes, we see a family rich with characters, including a formidable mother, an overworked father and an idealistic but impulsive older brother. Throw into the mix his widowed aunt and her two young daughters and you have a cast of characters that are at once eccentric, inspiring, familiar and amusing. The first of Simon's three-part semi-autobiographical trilogy, Brighton Beach Memoirs combines Simon's trademark humor with a bittersweet tale of perseverance in the face of adversity.

## About the Lake Worth Playhouse

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, live concerts, improv comedy 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.