

FORT WAYNE CIVIC THEATRE - MUSICAL AUDITIONS

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

At the Arts United Center

Director/Choreographer-Leslie Beauchamp, Music Director-Brandon Porter

Stage Manager-Tala Munsterman, Asst. Stage Manager: Chad Burris

○ **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** **July 24-August 8, 2021** **RATED PG**

(3 weekends: 10 perfs = 8 Gen. Perf. + ITW + PLU) Sondheim's joyous, musical romp through Rome has desperate lovers, scheming neighbors and secrets behind every toga. Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is a nonstop laugh fest in which Pseudolus, a crafty slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful, but slow-witted, courtesan named Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors and a showgirl or two. This hysterical musical has "something for everyone, a comedy tonight!"

AUDITIONS: Monday, May 10th at the Arts United Center, 303 E. Main St. **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

CALL BACKS: Tuesday, May 11th, 7:00-10:00 pm

DUE TO THE COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS we will audition people in groups of 5 people at a time.

MUST SIGN UP: You must attend auditions. SIGN UP by May 7th for a specific time slot (5 people per 15-minute time slots)

Sign Up Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA9AA23AAFB6-afunny>

If you have questions or concerns, contact Eunice Wadewitz: 260-422-8641 x226/ewadewitz@fwcivic.org.

REHEARSALS: June 7-July 21 (7:00-10:00 pm) and if needed Sundays (2:00-6:00pm)

TECH REHEARSAL: Tech Sunday, July 18 (12 noon-5:00 pm and 6:00-11:00pm)

PERFORMANCES: Thurs., Fri. & Sat. @ 7:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. @ 2:00 pm – July 22-August 8

AUDITION FORM & PHOTO: Please complete the audition form, which you can find where you sign up or at fwcivic.org. Email your completed audition form to Eunice Wadewitz at: ewadewitz@fwcivic.org AND, if possible, send a resume and your headshot photo (selfie) to Eunice Wadewitz as well. **It is very important that we have a list of ALL CONFLICTS at the time of the audition.**

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare and memorize 60-90 seconds of a show tune similar in style to *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* or a song from the show that best shows off your vocal qualities and range. Be sure to bring piano/vocal sheet music that is clearly marked for the accompanist. Do not expect the pianist to transpose music. Pianist is provided.

WHERE: Auditions will be held at the Arts United Center at 303 East Main Street. Enter from the rear of the building, using the glass doors to the Green Room. Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in. If you didn't email your audition form and photo to Eunice in advance, bring it with you to give to the stage manager upon arrival.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: Must be age 17 or older to audition and we encourage all ethnicities to audition.

Prologus: Introduces audience to the comedy they are to see. Same actor portrays Pseudolus in Act 1 & Senex in Act 2

Male, Age: 30-50, Vocal range: A2-A4

Senex: An old man and father to Hero and husband to Domina. Male, Age: 45-70, Vocal range: B2-G4

Domina: Senex's wife. A shrewish woman who dominates. Female, Age: 40-50, Vocal range: B3-F5

Hero: Son of Senex & Domina, falls in love w/ Philia, practical, privileged, romantic. Male, Age: 20-30 Vocal range: B2-G4

Hysterium: Chief slave in the House of Senex, believes he is in control, but is actually Pseudolus' puppet to carry out his schemes. Male, Age: 40-55, Vocal range: D4-G5

Pseudolus: Roman slave, owned by Hero, seeks to win his freedom. Quick-witted, scheming, childlike spirit. Male, Age: 30-50, Vocal range:A2-A4

Erronius: An old man, searching for his lost children. Male, Age: 45-70, Vocal range: B2-G4

Miles Gloriosus: Roman army captain to whom Marcus Lycus has promised Philia. Commanding, boastful, manly and strong. Male, Age: 25-35, Vocal range: B3-F5

Lycus: Owner of the house of Courtesans. Always out to make a profit. Male, Age: 40-50, Vocal range: A3-F5

Philia: A virgin in the House of Lycus. She is promised to Miles but loves Hero. Young, pretty, devoted. An archetypal ingénue. Female, Age: 18-21, Vocal range: B3-G5

Ensemble: Courtesans, Proteans, Soldiers